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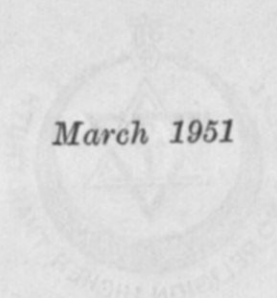
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

75TH DOUBLE-DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1950, 8.30 a.m.

By C. JINARĀJADĀSA

MY BROTHERS,

We know from the historical material concerning the Theosophical Society, that its foundation was due to certain Eastern Adepts called Mahātmās. Two Adepts in special, Mahātmā Morya and Mahātmā Koot Hoomi, undertook to initiate a movement which would light again in the West the Lamp of Truth that had been extinguished after the disappearance of Gnostic teachings. These two Adepts mention how They selected two persons, one Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, and the other Henry Steel Olcott, to lead a "Forlorn Hope". When asked in 1881 what the Adepts meant by the term "Forlorn Hope," the answer was :

"When one regards the magnitude of the task to be undertaken by our theosophical volunteers, and especially the multitudinous agencies arrayed, and to be arrayed, in opposition, we may well compare it to one of those desperate efforts against overwhelming odds that the true soldier glories to attempt."

The success of that attempt called a Forlorn Hope is seen this day at the 75th Anniversary Convention of our Society. Our great leader, H.P.B., foresaw what difficulties she and her

colleague, H.S. Olcott, and those who joined them, would have to face. She saw equally how, all difficulties surmounted, the end would be crowned with triumph. This vision of hers is pictorially and graphically illustrated on the first page of the Scrapbooks which she started, to paste cuttings of all that appeared in newspapers about the Society. I have reproduced in colour the first page of her Scrapbook No. I. H.P.B.'s pictorial setting reads :

"Ante and Post Natal History of the Theosophical Society and the Tribulations, Mortifications and TRIUMPHS of its Fellows."

I am in touch with large numbers of members of the Society throughout the world, who write to me periodically. In nearly every case they express their deep gratitude to the Theosophical teachings. They say that but for these teachings they hardly know in what manner they could endure the troubles of life. For many of us, particularly after our youth has passed, life is more a harassment than an enjoyment. The problem then is how to face our Karma so that we may not completely succumb under its stress. It is here that Theosophy gives to the individual an element of courage which he has not been able to find in the cult of his

religion, whether Hinduism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, or any other. It is this supreme element of courage that is characteristic of the great ideas of Theosophy, when they are incorporated into a man's inmost consciousness.

But this incorporation does not take place merely by reading Theosophical books. The identification with the truths of Theosophy is only possible when a member works with others, as in a Lodge. The ideal Lodge is not concentrated on the individual salvation of its members, but is always busy planning to understand the various departments of the Wisdom of Theosophy, in order to pass on that knowledge to others. It is when there is a keen desire in the heart of a Theosophist to share his knowledge with others who have not that knowledge, that little by little the element of courage enters into his life. This has happened in the case of thousands of Theosophists, who therefore feel an immense gratitude not only to Theosophy, but to the Society, to which in many cases they have given more than half their lives.

Another high tribute to the effectiveness of the work of the Theosophical Society is that so many other groups, not calling themselves Theosophists, have accepted the main ideas of Theosophy and are disseminating them. Reincarnation, which was once specifically a Theosophical idea and discussed only in Lodges of the Society, is now such a popular theme that even cartoonists, novelists and cinema producers are taking it up. The law of Karma is also being slowly incorporated into the world's thought. Of course, the idea of astral bodies occurs continually, especially as a humorous idea in light literature. Perhaps the most amusing of these incorporations of Theosophical terms appeared in a cartoon in an American humorous weekly forty years ago. A husband,

who has been having a night out, returns late at night and his angry wife asks, "John, have you been drinking again?" The drunken husband replies, with hiccups, "Certainly not, m' dear. My astral self is merely enjoying a mental joyride." Of course, novelists get our Theosophical ideas not merely mixed up, but so misunderstood as to make a travesty of them. But at any rate, little by little the ideas are permeating the world's mental atmosphere.

From the beginning of the Society, the most violent opponent of Theosophy has been the Roman Catholic Church. H.P.B. foresaw the obstacle of this Church, as also of other churches and what they stood for, in dominating human thought and suppressing the real freedom of investigation into the realms of the Spirit. In her denunciations she made a distinction between Christianity and what she termed "Churchianity". It is this latter which had already bound shackles on the minds of western nations.

I have narrated elsewhere how again and again during my two tours in the countries of Latin America, in Brazil and the Spanish-speaking countries in 1928-1929 and in 1938-39, the Catholic Church in each place that I visited tried to oppose my Theosophical lectures. Again and again the priests would warn their congregations not to attend my lectures. The most violent instance of this was in 1929 at Lima, the capital of Peru. After I had given four public lectures in Spanish in a theatre, on the morning of the fifth and last lecture the Archbishop of Lima issued a notice in all the newspapers, denouncing my lectures and threatening to excommunicate all who might attend them. As a result, the theatre was packed that night, and after the lecture I was taken in procession to my hotel. But what is noteworthy is the reason given by the Archbishop for his denunciation.

He pointed out that I had been saying that "Each man is to himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life," but that the Lord Jesus Christ had said that He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Little wonder that ten years after this incident, when I asked Peru for a visa for a second visit, it was refused.

It is obvious that if Theosophical teachings were to be accepted by all, there would be no need anywhere for priests, bishops and church hierarchies, not only in Christianity but in every religion. Such a recognition of the individual's right to work out his own salvation cuts the ground from underneath all vested interests of religion. The good Archbishop saw the immense damage I was doing in asserting to his flock the freedom of the individual. In the domain of spiritual growth, ceremonies, prayers, sacraments, etc., all appear as minor matters for an individual, for inspiration if he selects them, but not essential or necessary in order to find the direct road to the Spirit. This, of course, has been the teaching given by the Adept Brotherhood. It is from the Theosophical manual *Light on the Path* that I quoted the phrase, "Each man is to himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

An outstanding instance of what the Roman Catholic hierarchy is doing to oppose the Society's work is given in a report from one of our South American Sections. I refrain from mentioning the name of the Section, lest the persecution already present may become more violent. The following is what the report says:

"As I report to you on the year's work, our Section has now 11 active Lodges, but 14 have ceased to exist. The declaration of siege and the consequences of the restriction of rights given to the citizens by the Constitution, and the laws that have been enacted, have reacted on all

liberal institutions, philosophical or religious, prohibiting all private or public meetings, and limiting the free expression of thought in the press and over the radio, both of which are now controlled by the national government. In consequence of these limitations imposed by the authorities, definite weight is given by them to Catholic religious functions, and the pupils and teachers of schools and colleges run the risk of expulsion from such institutions if in any manner they infringe the restrictions.

"In our national capital 3 Lodges meet regularly, having first obtained permission of the military authorities. But in other areas of the State only 4 other Lodges are allowed to meet. In other cities where Lodges exist, our brothers are constrained from acting freely, owing to a persecution on the part of a fanatical public, and also because the civil authorities do not allow the exercise of the right of meeting.

"Undoubtedly the interposition of the Roman Catholic clergy is a militant political action which has produced abnormalities in our national life. The President of one of our Lodges was assaulted, in consequence of which he suffered fracture of a foot, which has necessitated his being kept in hospital for a year. He is cured but has not yet been able to return home.

"The terror, behind which stands the Catholic Church, has extended even to recognized liberal newspapers. They will not even publish notices of Theosophical meetings, lest the military take some disciplinary action against the papers. But we have faith in the Divine Laws which direct all life, and that these abnormalities will eventually come to an end."

This report is only one instance of the pressure brought by the Roman

Catholic clergy wherever possible in political life. Though this pressure handicaps our Movement, on the other hand it is a public admission by the Catholic hierarchy that the liberalizing ideas of Theosophy are gradually gaining effectiveness in the mentality of the world.

I must here very briefly summarize the work done during the year by the National Societies. They have all been active in propaganda. The full report of each Section will be published later and sent to the General Council. I need here only mention that the membership is 32,535¹, with 1,320 Lodges. During the year, as in past years, there have been both increases and decreases in membership in the Sections. A certain number who join the Society lose interest afterwards and do not continue paying their annual dues. These may seem to have dropped out of the Society; but it is here interesting to recall what H.P.B. said, that if a person becomes a member *even for one day*, there is a karmic benefit for him in future lives. The largest number of lapsed memberships is in India. The number who have to be considered as no longer members is 696 this year, and this large figure is an indication of the very difficult economical situation in the country. To many in India even the spending of four annas (4d., 5 cents) is quite a problem. But in spite of the loss from lapsed memberships the Indian Section is still the largest in the world, with 7,133 members.

The work throughout the world would proceed far more rapidly if we had more lecturers in each country. Those who have done that work in past years have either passed out of this incarnation or are too old for further lecturing. It is here that we are hoping that the Young Theosophists will take up the work of propaganda. But in order to succeed in giving the message of Theosophy to the public,

the Young Theosophists need to study Theosophy, for if they are to work as lecturers they must have a good background of knowledge of the Theosophical philosophy.

The Theosophical work in all the countries behind the Iron Curtain has ceased. Even in Jugoslavia, which is outside that curtain, the difficulties have been great, and the Society has not received official permission to continue its work. The work has been closed completely in Hungary, the Lodge library at its headquarters taken away, and the rooms locked and sealed. Nevertheless, I know that in each country the old students still meet in their homes to continue their studies.

During this year the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, accompanied by his wife, Dr. Jocelyn Cook, has made an eight and a half months' lecture tour. Visiting Nairobi for one day, they proceeded to the National Society of Southern Africa where they visited principal Lodges during the course of a month and attended the Annual Convention in Pretoria. Flying then to England, the Vice-President lectured in England, Scotland, Wales, Eire and Northern Ireland, and they both gave member-talks in many Lodges and were guests of the Annual Conventions of England and Scotland. Proceeding to the United States for the Section Convention, they also engaged in a long tour which included the principal cities of that country and five Lodges in Canada. Returning by the Pacific, Mr. and Mrs. Cook addressed the members in several cities in the Philippines and Malaya, including the capital cities of Manila and Kuala Lumpur.

This year the National Society of British East Africa gained great aid from a month's visit by Mr. N. Sri Ram. As the Lodges in that Section are scattered, he visited the various localities, and all the Lodges have expressed to me their gratitude for the help he has rendered.

¹ See final figures at end of Report.

I should like to mention here that I am nominating Mr. Sri Ram to receive the Subba Row Gold Medal for his contributions to Theosophy, and I feel sure that the General Council in the course of next year will endorse my nomination.

It was at the Golden Jubilee Convention of 1925 that we instituted a ceremony called the Prayers of the Religions, to mark the complete friendliness in attitude of Theosophists to all the religions of the world. This ceremony consisted in beginning each day of Convention with brief prayers, recited by representatives of all the great faiths, who are members of the Society and were present at Convention. Since then, at every International Convention, whether at Adyar or Banaras, the first function of the day has been the recitation of these Prayers, concluding with the most universal invocation possible, that composed by Dr. Besant:

- O Hidden Life, vibrant in every atom;
- O Hidden Light, shining in every creature;
- O Hidden Love, embracing all in oneness;
- May each who feels himself as one with Thee,
- Know he is also one with every other.

Further, in India there is no Federation that meets without this opening ceremony of Universal Prayers. The prayers or praises recited on this occasion are published, so that all can procure copies.

The keynote of the unity of the religions, struck by us twenty-five years ago, has been listened to by other organizations, such as various Fellowships of Faiths, who also now begin their gatherings with a recitation of the many prayers of the religions.

Just before the Convention of 1925, the Hindu Temple built by Hindu

Theosophists had just been completed, and the beautiful Buddhist Shrine was nearing completion. During that Convention Dr. Besant, as President, laid the foundation-stones of a Zoroastrian Shrine, a Christian Chapel, a Muhammadan Mosque and a Hebrew Synagogue. Except for the Hebrew Synagogue, all the buildings have been completed and are used, at least periodically, by members who belong to their faiths. We are waiting for money from Hebrew members of the Society, in order to complete the Hebrew Synagogue.

It was in 1925 also that we first displayed the flags of the 43 National Societies then in existence, with also flags for countries where there were individual Lodges. The number of Sections has steadily increased, and every one gathered at a Convention either at Adyar or Banaras has only to look up toward the ceiling of the Great Hall or the *shamiana*, in order to see in the flags that we are indeed a United Nations of the world. We may say that we began to be that from the foundation of the Society in 1875.

During the Convention of 1925, in order to signalize the special occasion of the Society's Golden Jubilee, the Headquarters Estate created a "Founders' Avenue," where a tree was planted by the General Secretary, or his representative, for 43 National Societies. Earth from the country which each tree represented was placed at its roots. The first two trees planted in Founders' Avenue were naturally for H. P. B. and Colonel Olcott, and these were planted by Dr. Besant herself. Since 1925, 8 more National Societies have been born: Ceylon, Greece, Central America, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Colombia and British East Africa. During our present Convention we shall plant additional trees, with earth from these Sections. I look forward to the day when we shall have a National Society in Pakistan, the

Malay Federation and Singapore, North Ireland, Japan, Ecuador and Indochina. Already these countries have Presidential Agents who are watching to create the number of Lodges necessary to receive a Charter as a National Society.

I want now to touch briefly upon some of the activities which have been developed by our leaders and others under the inspiration of the Theosophical ideals, during the three-quarters of a century since the Society's founding.

One activity of the greatest importance is the Adyar Library, under the able direction of Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti. This institution was founded by Colonel Olcott in 1886, especially to collect rare manuscripts and preserve them from destruction. But the institution has developed beyond his dream, because since 1910 it has been publishing a series of works with Sanskrit texts and translations into English. The number of the latest publication is No. 76. If the Adyar Library had more funds, it could publish about eight new works a year. Authors are only too eager that their manuscripts should be published by the Adyar Library, which has now a great reputation among the Orientalist institutions of the world.

During the past twenty-five years and more, Theosophists in many lands have organized themselves to work in various activities. The most prominent is that for Education. It was in 1880 that the President-Founder, Colonel Olcott, first organized Buddhist schools for Buddhist children in Ceylon. Soon after Dr. Besant arrived in India, she urged Indian members to start schools with the usual Government curricula, but adding religious instruction, and the management to be composed of Theosophists and others who sympathized. Many schools were established, the most famous of all these institutions being the Central

Hindu High School with Dr. Arundale as Headmaster, to which was later added the well-known Central Hindu College, with him as Principal. Another school under Theosophical auspices, with nearly all the teachers devoted Theosophists, was started in Madras and located at Guindy, half a mile from our Headquarters. This school was later transferred to Rishi Valley, near Madanapalle, to work under the direction of Mr. J. Krishnamurti's followers. A Theosophical College had already been started at Madanapalle under the management of the Theosophical Educational Trust founded in 1913. Colonel Olcott started in 1894 the first school for Harijans, once called Panchamas. This school is named now Olcott Memorial School. The President of the Society in his personal capacity is President of the Trust and Chairman of the Board of the Olcott Memorial School. The Australian Section took under its wing the Morven Garden School, which however after some years had to close. The New Zealand Section organized a small school, which is still conducted by the Section.

In the meantime, in England a great school was started, the Arundale School at Letchworth. The Section contributed nothing to its upkeep or management, but its funds came from two or three rich Theosophists. The school was magnificent, but owing to increasing costs and other difficulties had finally to be closed down, though the nucleus of the school was disposed of to a headmaster who was a Theosophist, who still conducts the Arundale School with several departments.

There is the Besant Theosophical School at Adyar, under the general direction of the Besant Centenary Trust, though its Director is Srimati Rukmini Devi. A few years ago the Indian Section at Banaras started the Besant Theosophical School, which is

doing excellently. As a part of these activities towards the application of Theosophical truths to life, there is the well-known institution of Kalakshetra, with its training in Music, Dance and the Arts, directed by Srimati Rukmini Devi.

The creation of a World Federation of Young Theosophists in 1925 was definitely an initiative in connection with our work of Theosophical propaganda. It gave special opportunities to the young who are attracted to Theosophy to express their devotion to the great Cause, according to the manner of their imagination. In several countries the Young Theosophists have groups of their own, with their own meetings. They work in complete co-operation with the elders in the Lodges. They have given much help in many, many ways.

Long before the Golden Jubilee Convention of 1925, certain movements had been started to bring children nearer to the Theosophical ideals. The first was the creation of Lotus Circles, later the Round Table, and soon after, the Golden Chain. Very few Lodges conduct Lotus Circles, or groups of the Golden Chain for the very young ones. The Round Table movement has had its ups and downs, but at the moment it seems to show a tendency to become once again strong and full of activity.

Soon after Dr. Besant became President, she organized the Theosophical Order of Service, to give opportunities to Theosophists to enter into many ways of service, without in any way committing the Theosophical Society to their activities. There are many departments of this work, such as Animal Welfare, Anti-Vivisection, visiting the sick, etc. One department which has been found most attractive to many members, who feel that they cannot help the Society through lectures and study classes, is that of the Healing

Groups which have been developed in several countries.

One of the most valuable of these activities is that of the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind in the United States, which transcribes into Braille as many Theosophical works as means allow and also publishes a magazine for the blind. The Association now has a small building and press of its own at Krotona. Many Theosophists in various parts of the country, both blind and sighted, are transcribing Theosophical works into Braille. This work has been directed for many years by Mrs. Flavia B. Snyder.

Coming now to the International Headquarters of our Society at Adyar, an important initiation in connection with our Theosophical work was the inauguration of the School of the Wisdom on November 17, 1949. I have issued a pamphlet explaining what are the ideals which I have concerning this School, and in what manner Theosophists should understand the meaning of the word Wisdom. Its many aspects had been studied in ancient India, and also in the Platonic School of Greece.

The work at the International Headquarters has been carried on as usual. It is not a light task to administer an estate of 266 acres (108 hectares) with 66 buildings, many of them requiring constant repair. The main Headquarters building is a century old. For all the work of the Estate we have our own engineering department, with electrical and carpentry workshops and employees for structural building. We operate an agricultural and fruit farm. We have the Vasanta Press, which publishes THE THEOSOPHIST, as well as a large number of books. Altogether the number of employees at present is 424. The two principal departments, those of the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary, have been kept at high

pressure during the year. The Recording Secretary's work deals with correspondence with all the National Societies, as well as Lodges in countries where as yet there is no National Society. Correspondence is received not only in English, but also in Spanish and French. I have especially to express my warm thanks to Mr. C. D. T. Shores, the Treasurer, and Sri K. S. Rajagopalan, Assistant Treasurer, and Miss Helen Zahara, the Recording Secretary, for their devoted work for the Society.

Not less is my expression of appreciation to Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw, the Assistant Editor of *THE THEOSOPHIST*, and to the various departments. I will only mention by name the heads of the departments, saying that the Society's sense of obligation is great towards them all for their contribution to the success of the administration of the Theosophical Estate: Mr. A. R. Hemsted, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E.E., Honorary Superintendent of the Engineering Department, and his able assistant, Sri M. D. Subramaniam; Dr. E. Sundaresan, Medical Officer-in-charge of the Dispensary; Sri C. Subbarayudu, Superintendent of the Vasanta Press and his assistant Sri D. Shyamala Rao; Sri K. S. Krishnamurti, Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House; Sri N. R. Subramaniam, Superintendent of Bhojanasala; Mrs. Ruth McMyler, Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers, Sri K. Neelakantan, Manager of the Garden Department, Superintendent of Watch and Ward, and in charge of Headquarters Attenders' Staff; Sri Narainji K. Kevat, Superintendent of Headquarters Cleaning Squad; Sri M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer, Superintendent of T. S. Laundry; Madame P. Cazin, Superintendent of the Sanitary Department.

In 1947 I created a special fund in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of our second President,

Dr. Besant. The fund is now called Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund, or for short, A.B.C. Fund. For many years the Society has always had a deficit in its working expenses, since the annual dues from the Sections cover only about one-sixth of the actual running expenses of the International Headquarters. Part of the income derives from the rents of rooms and buildings occupied by the workers, and another part from the generous donations of members from all parts of the world. But it is not a sound policy to go on from year to year with a deficit. In visualizing a day when the administration of the International Headquarters would be conducted without a deficit, I created the A.B.C. Fund, which is very slowly mounting to the goal I hoped for. In the meantime the capital fund is kept intact, not being used for current expenses, but interest from it is most valuable in meeting our mounting expenses from taxation on our Headquarters' property, and increased wages all round to workers. I invite the attention of generous members to keep this fund in mind, not only for present donations, but especially to leave to the Society legacies to be added to the A.B.C. Fund.

In *The Mahatma Letters* the Society is often referred to as the "Parent Society". After the founding of the Society in New York, the two, H. S. Olcott and H. P. Blavatsky, who alone in these *Letters* are called "The Founders," settled in Bombay till 1882, and finally the Theosophical Headquarters was permanently located here at Adyar. Several other Theosophical Societies have branched off from the Parent Theosophical Society, and some of these still exist, though they certainly have not the strength of the Parent Society, but all work devotedly for the ideals of Theosophy. Their separation has been due largely to the attachment to various personalities they have looked upon as leaders.

The question is often mooted, Why should not the various divisions of the Theosophical Society coalesce to make one Society to do the work of propaganda for Brotherhood more effectively? But it does not at all follow that such a union will in any way promote Brotherhood. The Parent Society particularly emphasizes the need of Universal Brotherhood and is trying in various ways to express it; the other Theosophical groups are doing the work of propaganda to disseminate Theosophical ideas. So long as that is being done, what does it matter that it is done by different organizations, each according to its own manner of working, expressing its own loyalties? Indeed, it is a high tribute to the intensity of the Theosophical ideas that they should develop the characters of individual Theosophists in such a marked manner that they feel compelled to work in their own ways as distinct groups.

It is the invariable story in the development of a great religion or a great philosophy that several variants, churches, or philosophical schools should arise with the passage of time. What is called sectarianism, though seemingly regrettable, is unavoidable and does not matter, so long as each group keeps to the high ideals given by the Founder of each religion or the great philosopher, and tries to pass on the message. The variants are indeed a testimony to the vigour of the original body of teachings which are like a great river that inevitably flows into the ocean through many mouths.

I personally see no disadvantage in the existence of many Theosophical Societies. Seeing that human nature is what it is, invariably swayed by loyalties to certain leaders, those loyalties will not be abolished by any kind of union among the different groups. In the United States a conference has been aptly defined as "A number of

people, failing to agree individually, meet collectively to decide that agreement is impossible". What is important is not what are considered internal divisions, but that each separated group should be active in trying to spread the principles of Theosophy. Trying to make any kind of a union of the various groups is largely a waste of energies which could be better spent. So long as each Theosophical Society is busy at its work of disseminating the Theosophical ideas and does not waste time in criticizing the way in which other Societies do their work, the promotion of the First Object of Brotherhood is in no way minimized.

Looking back seventy-five years, all of us necessarily must record the devoted work of those leaders who have gone before. The first and greatest of all these was H. P. Blavatsky who poured out her heart's blood to the end for the Cause of the Society. Next to her stands her colleague, H. S. Olcott, without whose organizing ability the message which the Adept Teachers desired to give to the world through H.P.B. could not have produced the far-reaching influence that it has. It was he who established the International Society with its many National Societies, each autonomous, but all giving assent to one common Constitution and giving a loyal co-operation to the Headquarters of the Parent Society. Among the sixteen who organized the Society in New York on October 30, 1875, was William Q. Judge. Being a lawyer he was elected "Counsel to the Society". Many years later, he became the Society's Vice-President.

After joining the Society in 1889 Annie Besant, with her wonderful gift of oratory, became the first in the field of propaganda and she added an immense contribution of knowledge in expounding Theosophical ideals. Standing by her side right to the end

was C. W. Leadbeater, who from 1884 to 1934 devoted his life completely to the Work of the Society. Certainly not less important in the field of Theosophy is his contribution. Then came G. S. Arundale, with his vibrant enthusiasm and spirit of uplift which he gave wherever he went.

From all these leaders we have received the torch of Light. It is for us to tend that torch, to see that its flame ever burns more brightly, and to hand it on undimmed to succeeding generations.

What of the future? What are the lines of work along which the Society should expand? It is impossible to outline what further modes of work we should embark upon. From year to year the world's needs change, and it is for us to see in what manner we can help, first our own country and then humanity as a whole. The members in each country must observe the local conditions and judge how best to help, with the aid of Theosophical truths, their country's needs for betterment in every way.

But considering the work of the Society as a whole, one thing is clear, and that is to carry out the objective given to it from the beginning, the objective of Brotherhood. In a *Letter* written to A. P. Sinnett in 1880, Mahâtma Koot Hoomi in referring to Adepts higher than Himself, said:

"The *Chiefs* want a 'Brotherhood of Humanity,' a real Universal Fraternity started; an institution which would make itself known throughout the world and arrest the attention of the highest minds."

The supreme need for the world to recognize the principle of Brotherhood as the only possible way for the union of mankind is referred to in another *Letter* on the topic of Universal Brotherhood, when the Adept says: "*It is the only secure foundation for universal morality.*" In that thought is the clue to the solution of all the

world's problems. At the moment, each religion and each nation propounds its own morality. It is only lately that the United Nations has formulated the beginnings of a universal morality in the Declaration of Human Rights. But fundamental human rights remain merely a phrase on paper, unless behind them there is the strong moral conscience of the world. Unless the principle of Brotherhood is recognized there cannot be the "universal morality" visualized by the Adept Teacher. It is for us to work steadily towards this objective of "universal morality".

So far, in spite of our seventy-five years of work, we have not achieved much of Universal Brotherhood, outside the membership of the Theosophical Society. Indeed, very few Lodges make Brotherhood a fundamental theme of their work. There is such deep interest in all phases of knowledge concerning psychism and the invisible worlds, that many of our studies are concentrated along those particular lines, which have a strong appeal to the public. Nevertheless, we must never forget what the Theosophical Society stands for. Even if it takes many generations yet before our declaration of Universal Brotherhood is accepted by all peoples, and as a result there will be the universal morality which will abolish war, poverty, racial discrimination, we must not swerve from the path mapped out for us by the Adept Teachers who initiated the Theosophical Movement.

I mentioned at the beginning that there is much historical material to prove that our Society did not just happen to come into being because of the idealism of a small group of people. As early as July 1875 H.P.B. has noted down in her first Scrapbook how she received orders from India to initiate a movement, and to choose Colonel Olcott as the leader. From then on till 1885 seven of the Adepts gave

counsel and instruction in Their *Letters*. On two occasions, one of Them directly addressed members of the London Lodge in 1884, concerning the divisions within the Lodge; and earlier a message was given by means of a precipitated *Letter* to the Convention held at Adyar in 1882. This was the first period of the general guidance by the Adept Teachers.

Then comes a gap of three years. In 1888 Colonel Olcott received in his cabin on board his steamer a precipitated *Letter* giving him personal directions with regard to the difficulties which had arisen between himself and H.P.B., and advice as to how to meet the situation. After 1888 there is a gap of twelve years until 1900 (nine years after the passing of H.P.B.), when Dr. Annie Besant received a *Letter* of advice and instruction. There is a reference in that *Letter* to the statement made in 1881 by the great Adept, the Mahā Chohan, regarding the destiny of the Society, that "The Theosophical Society was chosen as the corner-stone, the foundation of the future religions of humanity". It is in the *Letter* received by Dr. Besant that the Adept Koot Hoomi mentions that "The T.S. must safely be ushered into the new century," and that the Society must be aware of the danger of "manufacturing a creed".

Here I must make a statement for which I cannot give the slightest proof to anybody. I make it, not as the President of the Society, but as an individual member of fifty-six years' standing. It is that since 1900 to this year of 1950 the watchful guardianship of the Society by the Adept Teachers has never ceased. They do not give orders, because already so much has been said by Them concerning the work we are to do, and They give us freedom to develop that work to the best of our judgment, even at the cost of any mistakes which

we may commit. I know there are hundreds, if not indeed thousands, who feel that the guardianship of the Society by the Adept Teachers continues; but it is a topic on which there can be no discussion, since no proof can be given. Indeed on other hand in the *Letter* received by Dr. Besant, Mahātma Koot Hoomi says bluntly, since it was being said that unless one believed in the Masters he could not be a good Theosophist:

"The cant about 'Masters' must be silently but firmly put down. Let the devotion and service be to that Supreme Spirit alone of which each one is a part. Namelessly and silently we work and the continual references to ourselves and the repetition of our names raises up a confused aura that hinders our work."

Since the year 1895, when the Society accepted the principle that it is no way committed to a belief in the existence of the Masters, we have nevertheless constantly spoken of Their existence; this is allowable, as there is no limitation of our freedom of thought and expression. But we must be careful not to impose our belief as a Theosophical dogma; we must leave the Society free to develop its work along the lines of its Three Objects, which make no mention of the existence of the Masters.

It was said by Mahātma Koot Hoomi regarding the Adepts, "*Ingratitude is not one of our vices.*" Nor can it ever characterize the true Theosophist, with regard to the help given by the great Teachers. *I will ask you to rise*, while on behalf of such members of the Society as believe in Their existence, I offer to the Adept Brotherhood, who are the Elder Brothers of our race, our deep gratitude for the help given us during the last seventy-five years, and our complete trust that Their watchful guardianship of the Society will continue throughout the centuries.

C. JINARĀJADĀSA

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society's Income and Expense Account for the year ended 30th September, 1950 closed with a surplus of Rs. 16,972, after receiving an allocation of Rs. 41,515 from the Adyar Day Collections and other Donations and taking Rs. 21,000 from the War-deferred Maintenance Reserve as explained below.

During the year an increase in Dearness Allowance has been made to employees on the Estate, amounting to Rs. 10,000 to assist them in meeting the rising costs of living, and to bring the Society's allowances more into line with those of Government Departments. This is a recurring expense for which provision must be made.

Repairs and Renewals.—During the year a sum of Rs. 51,843 has been spent under this head of which a sum of Rs. 21,000 relates to works of war-deferred maintenance and has been charged to the War-Deferred Maintenance Reserve Account. A large part of this expense applies to repairs to Leadbeater Chambers to which no major repairs had been done for many years. This long deferred work has at last been completed.

Capital Expenditure.—Various capital improvements in addition to ordinary repairs have been effected to the Society's buildings and the amount expended is shown in the Immovable Property Account.

Taxations.—Taxes payable to the Madras Corporation on the various buildings on the Estate, have been met involving Rs. 11,300. Unfortunately it is possible that the taxes may be increased by another 10% to be met in the current year.

Investments.—During the year, we have invested Rs. 76,000 in 3% Conversion Loan 1946. A bungalow and land at Kotagiri has been purchased for Rs. 15,123. This property will be occupied on rental by workers and others. Its value appears among the immovable assets in the Balance Sheet.

Donations.—The Adyar Day Collections inclusive of a sum of Rs. 28,463, contributed by members in the U.S.A. and the balance of Rs. 432-10-7 brought forward from last year amounted to Rs. 33,021-15-8. Other general donations received during the year totalled Rs. 23,515-15-9. The President was therefore able to make the following allocations :

			Rs.	A.	P.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	...	...	1,000	0	0
Adyar Library	...	...	2,000	0	0
Welfare Fund	...	...	2,000	0	0
Faithful Service Fund	...	...	5,000	0	0
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	...	...	2,500	0	0
Besant Theosophical School	...	...	1,000	0	0
Adyar Amphitheatre Fund	...	...	1,000	0	0
Sum made available for the T.S.	..	...	41,515	15	9
			56,015	15	9
Retained for further allocation	...	...	521	15	8
			56,537	15	5

Appropriations.—As in the past many years, Rs. 5,000, has been allotted to the Adyar Library. The work of the Adyar Library lies mainly in the translation and publication of rare books of scholarly interest which find only a small market. Publications must therefore be subsidised if the work is to be carried on.

The Faithful Service Fund.—At the commencement of the year this fund had a credit balance of Rs. 26,664 but during the 12 months Rs. 11,692 has been disbursed. After taking into account donations received and the sum of Rs. 5,000 allocated from Adyar Day Fund the balance remains at only Rs. 20,792.

Fees and Dues show an increase of over Rs. 3,000 owing to the receipt of dues from countries which had been unable to remit for some years on account of currency restrictions. There remain certain Sections in Europe and elsewhere where monies are still frozen and from which remittances cannot yet be made.

Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.—A sum of Rs. 1,09,042 has been received and credited to this Account during the year and the balance on 30-9-'50 was Rs. 5,32,983. This year one fourth of the target figure of Rs. 20,00,000 has been reached and we tender our grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this result but an appeal for the continued generous support of members must again be made.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Garden.—This Department shows a net deficit of only Rs. 1,977-12-9 against the budgeted figure Rs. 6,590. For some years the deficit has been about Rs. 6,000 and it is very satisfactory that during this year the loss has

been so much reduced. This is mainly due to an increase of Rs. 6,000 in the income from cocoanuts and this increased figure is expected next year also. The income derived from casurina fuel has been taken into the T.S. Income and Expense Account. It is hoped that before long we may be able completely to cover the expense on the Ornamental Garden, which because it brings in little return is a source of expense which cannot be avoided without sacrificing the beauty of the Estate.

Bhojanasala shows a deficit of Rs. 699 which also is less than what was budgeted for. This is partly due to the increase in rates which were enhanced early in 1950. It is hoped that the deficit will be kept to this level in future.

Leadbeater Chambers.—Although we had so few residents during the summer the expense on this establishment has been kept to a deficit of Rs. 767 only against Rs. 2,400 budgeted. Much credit must be given to those responsible for the management for this result.

Laundry shows a deficit of Rs. 726-8-0. We have, however, already made arrangements which we hope will make it possible to run this Department without a deficit in future.

The Engineering Department.—This Department has been kept very busy throughout the year and the accounts show an excess of expense over income by Rs. 59-0-11.

The Vusanta Press shows a sum of Rs. 895 as net income after making the usual credits on its publications.

The Watch and Ward and Sanitation Departments' expenses have both been kept within the budget limits.

C. D. SHORES,

Hony. Treasurer

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Budget Allot- ment	EXPENSE			Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.		
Rs.									
21,000	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...			...			21,605 6 0		
30,000	,, Repairs and Renewals ...			51,843 2 9					
	Less Amount Charged to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve			21,000 0 0					
							30,843 2 9		
4,200	,, Light and Water ...			...			5,180 1 0		
4,500	,, Miscellaneous ...			...			4,897 13 6		
2,500	,, Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...			...			3,444 5 6		
3,500	,, Printing and Stationery ...			...			4,340 5 0		
12,000	,, Taxes ...			...			12,055 5 0		
100	,, Pensions ...			...			61 8 0		
900	,, Publications to General Secretaries ...			...			716 0 0		
1,000	,, Convention Travelling Expenses 1949 ...			...			629 14 0		
500	,, Museum and Archives ...			...			700 2 3		
	,, Departmental Results :								
				<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>Income</i>		
							<i>Net</i>		
				Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.		
							Rs. A. P.		
	Garden ...			37,577 8 0			35,599 11 3		
15,055	Watch and Ward ...			13,536 9 3			- 1,977 12 9		
4,475	Sanitation ...			3,831 13 6			- 13,536 9 3		
2,600	Dispensary ...			4,046 12 0			- 2,437 5 6		
1,300	Bhojanasala ...			9,645 15 3			- 3,213 12 9		
2,400	Leadbeater Cham- bers ...			17,870 15 6			- 699 15 3		
	Laundry ...			8,647 8 3			- 757 4 9		
	Engineering Depart- ment ...			1,27,796 9 11			- 728 8 0		
	Vasanta Press ...			1,10,182 12 9			- 59 10 11		
				3,33,136 8 5			+ 895 5 3		
							- 22,515 9 11		
							22,515 9 11		
							1,06,989 8 11		
	,, Appropriations :								
5,000	To Adyar Library ...			...			5,000 0 0		
4,800	,, The School of the Wisdom ...			...			4,800 0 0		
							9,800 0 0		
	,, Depreciation :								
	On Immovable Property @ 2% ...			...			11,573 4 0		
13,500	,, Movable Property @ 7½% ...			...			2,400 14 0		
							13,974 2 0		
	,, Excess of Income over Expense carried to Capital a/c			16,971 13 11		
							1,47,735 8 10		

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Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES											
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Capital											
General :											
Balance at Oct. 1, 1949	...	...	6,27,326	13	0						
Add Excess of Income over Expense			16,971	13	11						
						6,44,298	10	11			
Departmental :											
Adyar Library	...	...	1,69,839	12	9						
Engineering Department	...	...	46,960	2	9						
Garden Department...	...	...	9,956	10	8						
Vasanta Press	...	...	38,088	14	0						
						2,64,845	8	2			
									9,09,144	3	1
Funds (see notes below)											
Of the Society Interest Bearing :											
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a)			1,10,791	12	7						
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)			1,27,786	6	3						
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c)			5,32,983	5	0						
Miscellaneous Funds (a)			50,985	7	4						
do. do. (d)			13,542	3	4						
			8,36,089	2	6						
Of the Society Non-Interest Bearing :											
President's Travelling Fund	...	...	37,644	6	7						
Pensions & Gratuities Fund	...	...	12,860	13	2						
						8,86,594	6	3			
Of Others :											
Interest Bearing :											
Sri Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	...	...	35,075	8	2						
Miscellaneous	...	...	33,904	3	2						
Non-Interest Bearing	...	...	58,630	9	1	1,27,610	4	5			
									10,14,204	10	8
Sundry Deposits 85,995 6 9											
Sundry Creditors 1,570 7 9											
Adyar Library :											
Miscellaneous Funds	...	...	...	...	...	3,405	7	1			
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	...	917	10	0			
Gratuities Reserve	...	...	...	...	...	4,631	6	1			
									8,954	7	2
Reserves :											
War-deferred Maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	26,336	0	0			
Electrical Line	...	...	...	...	...	4,000	0	0			
Meter and Water Line	...	...	...	...	...	2,000	0	0			
Adyar Day Fund unallotted	...	...	...	...	...	521	15	8			
									32,857	15	8
Notes.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.											
(b) Interest available for general purposes.											
(c) Interest only available for general purposes.											
(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.											

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1950

PROPERTY AND ASSETS							
Immovable Property :				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs. A. P.
Balance at Oct. 1, 1949							
Lands at Adyar ...	1,93,857	13	0				
Buildings ,, ...	5,57,478	14	0				
				7,51,336	11	0	
Add Improvements during the year				21,520	0	0	
				7,72,856	11	0	
Less Sale of retrieved materials				334	7	9	
				7,72,522	3	3	
Less Depreciation Reserve				2,06,710	8	6	
							5,65,811 10 9
Land in Sindh							10,000 0 0
" Gulistan ", Kotagiri							15,123 7 0
Movable Properties, Adyar :							
Balance at Oct. 1, 1949				28,854	6	2	
Add Additions during the year				3,402	9	6	
				32,256	15	8	
Less Sales				245	5	9	
				32,011	9	11	
Less Depreciation Reserve				20,385	5	8	
							11,626 4 3
Investments at Cost :							
Government of India Loan (Rs. 6,58,400) 2½% to 4%				6,53,061	15	3	
Madras Provincial Govt. (Rs. 1,16,400)				1,16,577	12	5	
United Kingdom 4%				1,77,046	4	1	
Surrender value of Life Insurance Policy				15,300	0	0	
Miscellaneous				28,025	2	3	
							9,90,011 2 0
Interest accrued on Investments...							6,125 13 3
Fees and Dues outstanding							2,206 6 2
Sundry Debtors				32,335	11	0	
Less Rentals billed in advance				2,275	0	0	
							30,060 11 0
Departmental Assets :							
Electrical Installation less Depreciation				22,402	0	0	
Tools, Implements, Utensils and Equipment—less depreciation				21,099	13	9	
Printing Machinery and Type, less depreciation				26,598	0	0	
Supplies on hand				77,798	14	4	
Accounts Recoverable and Advances				9,108	1	4	
Cash				459	0	0	
Advance Rentals				179	0	0	
Standing Crops				1,643	14	6	
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium				422	10	0	
Works in Progress				13,960	9	0	
Adyar Library :				1,73,671	14	11	
Manuscripts and Books	1,45,909	13	9				
Furniture, less depreciation	9,068	0	0				
Stock of Publications	36,947	14	9				
Miscellaneous	414	8	0				
				1,92,340	4	6	
Cash :							3,66,012 3 5
Fixed Deposit				2,009	5	6	
In Madras Banks on Current Account				43,852	4	10	
In London Bank do.				4,016	1	3	
On hand				5,871	13	8	
							55,749 9 3
							20,52,727 3 1

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1950

DISBURSEMENTS				RECEIPTS			
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
To Miss E. M. Amery @ Rs. 165/- p.m. ...	1,980	0	0	By Opening Balance ...	26,664	4	3
„ Miss G. Watkin @ Rs. 218/- p.m. ...	2,616	0	0	„ Donations ...	73	7	3
„ Dr. Anna Kamensky ...	2,300	3	4	„ Rent from Manjeri House ...	240	0	0
„ Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 100/- p.m. ...	1,200	0	0	„ Adyar Day Allocation ...	5,000	0	0
„ Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 80/- p.m. ...	960	0	0	„ Interest ...	507	2	0
„ Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85/- p.m. ...	1,020	0	0				
„ Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50/- p.m. ...	600	0	0				
„ Contribution to the Clara Codd Pension Fund £25 ...	337	3	0				
„ Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer @ Rs. 20/- p.m. ...	240	0	0				
„ Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @ Rs. 35/- p.m. ...	420	0	0				
„ Money Order Commissions, etc. ...	18	14	0				
„ Balance carried over ...	20,792	9	2				
	32,484	13	6		32,484	13	6

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mrs. Lorna Retief ...	66	1	5
Mr. Druva Kumar S. Joshipura ...	5	0	0
The T.S. in Scotland, £4-1-0 ...	53	11	0
Mrs. D. R. D. ...	25	0	0
The T.S. in England £50-0-0 ...	660	15	0
Hyderabad Lodge, T.S. ...	218	0	0
	1,028	11	5

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950

					Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in	U. S. A.	\$1989.26	1949-50 ...		9,465	3	1
"	England	£245.14.9	1949-50...		3,273	1	4
"	India		1948-49 ...		1,080	0	0
"	Sweden		1949 ...		322	9	0
"	Austria	£44.7.4	...		586	10	4
"	Ireland	£3.1.0	1949-50 ...		40	12	9
"	Wales	£21.16.0	...		287	10	8
"	Scotland	£14.9.0	...		198	11	0
"	Canada	\$98.82	1949-50 ...		440	8	0
"	Mexico	\$44.59	...		209	7	0
"	South Africa		1949 ...		242	8	0
"	Colombia	\$25.35	...		119	3	6
"	Portugal	£14.14.6	...		194	4	10
"	Greece	£13.10.0	1949 ...		178	3	4
"	New Zealand	£42.17.4	1948-49 ...		569	5	3
"	Chile		...		64	2	10
"	British East Africa		1949-50 ...		42	11	0
"	Cuba		1948-49-50 ...		843	10	1
"	Burma		1948-49-50 ...		50	0	0
"	Switzerland		...		337	9	11
"	Italy	£8.4.8	...		108	10	2
"	Hungary	£21.13.8	...		286	2	0
"	Norway	£13.9.3	...		177	10	4
"	Philippines		...		121	6	7
"	Uruguay		...		65	7	9
"	Belgium		1945 to 50 ...		682	6	7
"	Finland		...		918	15	5
"	Ceylon		...		26	0	0
"	Malaya and Siam	£34.1.0	...		451	0	6
Non-Sectionalized Lodges			...		351	0	2
Total ...					21,734	15	5

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1950

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
To Stock on hand,							By Sales	7,268	2	7
1-10-1949	55,394	6	0				„ Stock on hand, 30-9-1950	36,947	14	9
Less Adjustment for							„ Publication cost not covered by sales			
revaluation	19,418	13	0	35,975	9	0	(subsidy from General Funds)	8,023	15	5
„ Cost of Publications	18,032	7	9							
Less Credit	1,768	0	0	16,264	7	9				
				52,240	0	9		52,240	0	9

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

ADYAR
 27th December, 1950.

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

Budget		EXPENSE			Rs. A. P.		
Rs.							
18,350	To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	18,573	10	0
400	„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	476	1	0
750	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	1,081	4	6
400	„ Postages	...	...	...	550	4	6
500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	749	6	0
250	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	273	3	0
150	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	682	0	3
				...	22,385	13	3
	„ Subsidy to Publications						
	Account	...	...	...	8,023	15	5
1,100	„ Reserve for Gratuities...	1,137	0	0			
240	„ Reserve for Depreciation on						
	Furniture	...	232	6	0		
			1,369	6	0		
	„ Capital Expenditure :						
	Books and Manuscripts						
	Account	...	1,160	15	0		
	Allocations :						
	Visitors' Charity Box as						
	per contra	...	1,330	12	0		
					3,861	1	0

34,270 13 8

ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-50

	INCOME			Budget		
				Rs.	A. P.	Rs.
By T.S. Contribution ...	...	...	...	5,000	0 0	5,000
„ Adyar Day Allocation ...	...	...	...	2,000	0 0	2,500
„ Miscellaneous Donations ...	...	...	...	270	6 8	1,500
„ Donations (Box) ...	...	...	...	1,330	12 0	
„ Interest on Endowments ...	...	...	...	6,264	3 8	6,300
				<hr/>		
				14,865	6 4	
„ Deduction from Publication Fund ...	2,769	15	0			
„ Deduction from Visitors' Charity Box Fund ...	3,000	0	0			
„ Deduction from Endowment Fund ...	13,635	8	4			
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				19,405	7 4	

34,270 13 8

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Endowment Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,22,783	0	10			
Add Donations received during the year	...			1,644	4	1			
				<hr/>					
				1,24,427	4	11			
Less Excess of Expense over Income for the year	...	...	...	13,635	8	4			
				<hr/>			1,10,791	12	7
Building Fund	...	...	...				1,27,786	6	3
<i>Capital Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,88,097	10	9			
Add Additions during the year as per contra.				1,160	15	0			
				<hr/>					
				1,89,258	9	9			
Less Adjustment for revaluation of Stock	...			19,418	13	0			
				<hr/>			1,69,839	12	9
<i>Publications Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,300	14	0			
Add Donations received during the year	...			2,769	15	0			
				<hr/>					
				4,070	13	0			
Less Applied to Income account	...			2,769	15	0			
				<hr/>			1,300	14	0
<i>Gratuities Reserve :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			4,072	5	4			
Less Payment	...	...	...	577	15	3			
				<hr/>					
				3,494	6	1			
Add Additions during the year	...			1,137	0	0			
				<hr/>			4,631	6	1
Book Deposit	...	...	...	...			500	0	0
<i>Visitors Charity and General Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			2,920	14	7			
Add Additions during the year	...			1,330	12	0			
				<hr/>					
				4,251	10	7			
Less Expenses	647	1	6						
Less Applied to Income account.	3,000	0	0						
				<hr/>					
				3,647	1	6			
				<hr/>			604	9	1
Reserve for purchase of Books	...			...			1,000	0	0
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...			916	4	3
Suspense Account	...	...	...	...			1	5	9
							<hr/>		
							4,17,372	6	9

ADYAR
27th December 1950

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR LIBRARY AS ON 30-9-50

ASSETS		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>* Manuscripts and Books :</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	1,44,748	14	9			
Add Purchases during the year	...	1,160	15	0			
					1,45,909	13	9
<i>Furniture :</i>							
Original Value as per last Balance Sheet.		10,847	14	0			
Less Depreciation Reserve	...	1,779	14	0			
					9,068	0	0
Stock of Publications on hand	...	...	...	...	36,947	14	9
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium	...	...	...	...	187	8	0
Advances to Staff	...	...	...	...	207	0	0
Cash on hand	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Balance with the T.S.	...	...	...	...	2,25,032	2	3

* A revaluation of all books and Manuscripts as proposed by the Hony. Director, Adyar Library, will be considered next year.

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Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR 1950-51

EXPENSE	Actuals for 1949-'50 Rs.	Budget for 1950-'51 Rs.	INCOME	Actuals for 1949-'50 Rs.	Budget for 1950-'51 Rs.
To Salaries and Pensions ...	18,574	*19,400	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Copying Charges ...	476	500	„ Adyar Day, etc. ...	2,000	2,500
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conser- vancy ...	1,081	500	„ Miscellaneous Donation and Donation Box ...	1,601	1,500
„ Postages ...	550†	350	„ Interest on Endowment ...	6,264	6,200
„ Printing and Stationery ...	749	500	„ Transfer from Publication Account ...	2,770	
„ Fire Insurance ...	273	250	„ Transfer from Charity Box ...	3,000	
„ Miscellaneous ...	682‡	150	„ Transfer from Endowment Fund. Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	13,635	16,640
„ Subsidy to Publication Account.	8,024	8,000			
„ Gratuities Reserve ...	1,137	1,200			
„ Depreciation ...	232	240			
„ Books and Manuscripts ...	1,161	750			
„ Allocation to Charity Fund ...	1,331				
	34,270	31,840		34,270	31,840

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT

<i>Actuals 1949-'50</i>	<i>Budget 1950-'51</i>
Rs. 18,032	Rs. 15,000

* Increase in Budget Estimates for 1950-'51 is to provide for enhanced rate of Dearness Allowance sanctioned to all employees of the T. S. generally.

† Increase under this head is due to enhanced postal rates and special publicity work.

† Includes Advertisement Charges tried as an experimental measure in collaboration with the T. P. H.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

Hony. Director

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The highpoint of the year's activities, the 64th Annual Convention and Summer Sessions, were all held at the National Headquarters of the American Section, at Olcott, Wheaton, Illinois. The Sessions opened with a Workers' Conference from July 1-6 with 129 registered guests; the Convention from July 8-12 with 222 delegates; and the Summer School from July 14-20 with 176 in attendance. Honoured guests from Adyar contributing to the Sessions were the International Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Mrs. Cook. In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary Year of the Theosophical Society, the theme chosen for the Convention was "Brotherhood, Below as Above" as symbolized in the Brotherhood Stamp Project launched at that time; and the theme chosen for the Summer School was "From the Science, the Art of Brotherhood." Under this programme three mornings were given to a survey of what underlies the ideal of Brotherhood and the last three mornings to discussion of the relationships established in the practice of Brotherhood.

Once more I report that the Society's general position is one of stability and the work continues on its many fronts.

Membership.—Regarding our Membership growth, we have not had the same gain as during the past few years. 394 new members have joined the Society during the year. This is 36 fewer members than the previous year. Deaths have been 81; resignations 98; and the inactive list numbered 352. Thus I have to report that for the first time since 1941, the Society's gain of new members for the year has been less than the loss of active member-

ship. Our total membership as of September 30, 1950 stands at 4,055. Four new Lodges have been formed and two other inactive Lodges have been revitalized. Five Lodges were dissolved.

Field work.—We introduced in the Fall of 1949, two new lecturers, the National Secretary, Miss Ann Kerr and Mr. Seymour Ballard. Miss Kerr was able to visit almost every part of the Section and excellent reports have been received about her fine work, both from the members and in her public addresses. Mr. Seymour Ballard, former Co-Editor of *The American Theosophist*, visited the Central, Northeast, Florida, and Gulf Coast areas, creating fresh interest in Theosophy. The National President, James S. Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins were able to visit the members of Southern and Northern California Federations in February and the Florida and Texas Federations during the Spring. Mr. E. Norman Pearson, National Vice-President, has visited Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Maryland, and Canada during the year, addressing members and the public. An event of note was the Thanksgiving West Coast Conference at San Francisco, attended by three Federations. So successful was the programme that a resolution was passed to convene annually. Upon the arrival in this country of Mr. Sidney A. Cook and his wife, Dr. Jocelyn Todd-Naylor Cook, in June, they were received by the Middle-Atlantic Federation as guests of honour in Philadelphia, following which they attended the Ohio Federation Convention in Cincinnati and visited the Detroit Lodge before

journeying to Olcott to participate in the Summer Sessions. Following the Sessions, Mr. & Mrs. Cook proceeded with their various tours of the Section, flying North to Canada and through the central part of the country as far South as San Antonio, Texas. Early in September they commenced an automobile tour West to visit various Lodges and Federations, ending their trip in Seattle in October from whence they sail for Madras.

In addition to the itineraries arranged from National Headquarters, the Federations have had active speaking programmes in their localities. Some Federations maintain Speakers' Bureaus, collecting funds to help with the expenses, an activity to be encouraged in all Federations to supplement the national programme of lecturers.

Spotlight Expansion Activities.—The special activity of this administration to spread our work farther afield through new growth—through organizing new Lodges—is the Spotlight programme. During the past year, Spotlight programmes were presented in the Northeast and in the Midsouth. The use of Radio was introduced in one of the cities in each Spotlight circuit. In the Northeast, it was in Worcester, Massachusetts and in the Midsouth tour, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The year's Spotlight efforts resulted in 90 new members to the Society, 3 new Lodges and 1 study group, and 4 revitalized Lodges. Broadcasting of Theosophy continued in New Orleans, Louisiana, with the members in that area contributing toward its cost. Radio is also being used in Ventura, California, on fifteen minute programmes each Sunday morning. This series has continued for several months. The scripts or transcription records of both the California and the original New Orleans broadcasts can be made available to Lodges. Further use of the Spotlight Fund is possible wherever a promising condition exists with a com-

petent worker nearby. One such instance is that of Colorado Springs, where Mrs. Mary Patterson was able with a little financial assistance to organize a class which promises to grow into a full Lodge with some further assistance during the coming year.

Financial.—The financial position of the National Society continues satisfactory. Although we had to budget for the year's operations a considerable deficit figure to balance foreseen income, donations and bequests have been received which not only balanced the budget but added a small surplus to our reserve fund.

The National Headquarters.—Due to the need felt during the past several years that facilities at Headquarters be increased to accommodate our Summer Sessions' activities more adequately, we embarked upon the plan to provide a larger tent for the programme sessions that would, if possible, give some protection from insects and be dry under foot during a rainy period. The result is a large new tent and the use of the old tent as a refreshment tent. The refreshment tent is an idea the National President and Mrs. Perkins brought back from Banaras where, in 1947, they observed that the refreshment tent there was one point throughout Convention where friends could always gather for a pleasant chat and to exchange ideas.

Change of National Officers.—With Miss Ann Kerr embarking for Adyar and The School of the Wisdom in August, she resigned her position as National Secretary and as member of the National Board of Directors. Miss Caroline Tess, who has been her assistant this past year, was appointed National Secretary and Mr. Edwin N. Lord, the National Treasurer, has assumed the duties of member of the National Board of Directors for the Central District for the unexpired term.

The Theosophical Press.—The Theosophical Press has experienced a

seven percent drop in gross sales. This reflects somewhat the reduction in book sales experienced by publishers and book dealers generally throughout the country. The Press reports also a decrease in the use of Publicity Pamphlets. From the total of 46,700 pamphlets distributed two years ago, we fell off to 34,500 last year, registering another drop this year to 33,000. Presented at the Convention was a 75th Anniversary Publication, a new primer of Theosophy entitled "The Meaning of Life" by Emogene Simons. It is a small volume priced at fifty cents.

Adyar Theosophist.—There has been another decrease in subscriptions to the *Adyar Theosophist* during the past year. The total number of subscribers in this Section represents at the present time less than ten percent of the membership—far too low a circulation in the U.S.A. for the magazine that links Theosophists in a world-wide unity.

American Theosophist and Discovery.—The *American Theosophist* has been published at a cost which for years has exceeded the income allotted it from the national dues. The cost has increased due to the rise in printers' prices. Steps have been taken to economize without reducing the quality of the magazine. The centre sheet has been dropped and we are now mailing the magazine flat without paper wrappers.

The leaflet *Discovery* continues to be in demand by Lodges, primarily for printing their monthly programmes and circulating their mailing lists. During the year, about 100,000 copies have been printed and sent to sixty-nine Lodges, reflecting an increase over the previous year. The average monthly edition of *Discovery* is approximately 11,000 copies.

Department of Information and Correspondence Courses.—59 new members, a new record, have joined the Society

after having correspondence with the Department of Information, which has contacted 1,368 inquirers. This department has also distributed 21,140 Publicity Leaflets during the past year, added new Library Memberships and handled the Study Courses, in addition to its duties of carrying on Correspondence Courses with new National Members. An outstanding achievement has been the Veterans' Administration Project organized by a member, together with the Department of Information, under which books and pamphlets were placed in 69 Veterans' Administration Hospitals and Centre Libraries throughout the country. This year over 15,400 copies of the pamphlet "To those Who Mourn" were distributed.

National Library.—The National Library reports 2,400 books have been loaned to approximately 340 readers during the past year. About 100 of these were non-members. New books have been added to the shelves and the number of volumes in the Library is 10,224.

Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Inc.—Mrs. Flavia B. Snyder, President of the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Inc. reports that after two years of volunteered labour, the Braille Publishing House and the home for workers in the Braille plant were completed in December 1949. During the past year 36 new readers have been added to the Braille Magazine on Theosophy, some of them in foreign countries, and eighteen new libraries have been added to the mailing list. Three readers also have joined the Society. 35 new volumes are being added to this splendid collection of Theosophical books now available to the blind.

The Theosophical Book Gift Institute.—The work accomplished for this year shows an improvement over that of last year; 509 libraries having been contacted and 2,622 books placed. Miss Edith Gray visited fourteen states

contacting over 300 libraries. Books were also shipped to The American Merchant Marine Library Association at fifteen ports in the country.

Mothers' Research Group.—The Mothers' Research Group reports this year a further increase of activity, both in its research projects and the circulation of its magazine, the "Mothers' Occult Digest." The mailing list has been increased and the magazine now goes to sixteen countries. The Digest is also placed in thirteen non-Theosophical libraries. Recently three new lines of research have been organized in the field of Problem Children, Juvenile Delinquency, and Sub-Normal Children. A vegetarian cookbook in card form is being released. In process of compilation is an index of references in Theosophical books to Children, Mothers, Home, and Family. A Theosophical Alphabet Book for small children, a Teen-Age Booklet, and the second edition of "Research in Healing", the first half of which is under the title "Research in the Harmony of Living", are ready for publication.

The Theosophical Order of Service. Miss Esther Renshaw, Chief Brother, reports activities in the Social Service Department, the Animal Welfare Department, Arts and Crafts, Healing Groups, the Peace and Watcher Departments and the International Correspondence League.

National Committees.—The standing National Committees, each headed by a member of the Board of Directors, continued to act in their various capacities: Mr. E. Norman Pearson, the *Workers' Conference*; Miss Ann Kerr, the *Public Study Courses*; Mrs. Lois Holmes, *Publicity Pamphlets*; Miss Winifred Boye, *Youth Activities*; Dr. George DeHoff, *Field Expansion*; and Mr. Frank Linton, *Headquarters Expansion*. These activities will be reported on during the course of the Convention, as will be those of the special committee on a *Home for*

Retired Theosophical Workers headed by Dr. Henry Smith.

A. B. C. and Adyar Day Funds.—Collections of A. B. C. Funds amounted this past year to \$4,478.89, bringing the total contribution of this Section to date to \$27,596.20. The Adyar Day Fund amounted to \$6,100 from this Section.

Olcott Foundation.—The Olcott Foundation which encourages creative contributions from members announced entries in six Divisions this past year. The Judges made awards in the Lecture, Drama and Articles Divisions. The Olcott Lecture selected was "The Inspiration of the Secret Doctrine" by Mrs. Torre Whorf and was given to the Convention in July.

School of the Wisdom.—Four members of the Society in this country attended the opening sessions of the School; others have registered for the 1950-51 sessions and in addition twelve members have made reservations for the 75th Anniversary Convention at Adyar, some of whom will be staying on to attend the School. Miss Ann Kerr, National Secretary of this Section since 1941, left in August to attend the School under the Theosophical Scholarship Fund. From year to year, this Section hopes to be able to select some faithful worker to be helped in this way by the Scholarship Fund.

Brotherhood Stamp Project.—In order to commemorate this 75th Anniversary Year with some special activity to make it an unforgettable milestone on the road to Universal Brotherhood, the Brotherhood Stamp Project was launched at the Convention in July. It was thought that a stamp designed to illustrate symbolically the major themes of Theosophy on the concept of Brotherhood might stir many minds to request the meaning of Theosophy. To be used in conjunction with the Stamp, a pamphlet was written setting forth in simple terms the philosophy of

universal brotherhood as Theosophy conceives it, in which the questions stimulated by the appearance of the stamp could be readily answered. Already 100,000 have been distributed. The Stamp idea can be adopted by everyone, particularly those whose physical limitations might prohibit participation in Lodge activities. With each Stamp can be sent forth a subtle thought form that conveys the spirit

of Brotherhood. It is hoped that this might be a beginning of many projects by Lodges, Federations, and individual members directed toward the promulgation and practice of Brotherhood in the light of Theosophy, and will bring forth material for other useful pamphlets and leaflets on the subject.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

Activities have continued as usual in all the Lodges and Federations. We seem at last to have surmounted the difficulties arising out of the war and the post-war period, and a number of new Centres and small study groups have been formed in areas where there had previously been no interest.

We were privileged to receive a visit from the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, and Mrs. Cook. Mr. Cook spent a short time with the Lodges of the North-Western Federation and was the Guest of Honour at the Annual Convention. A larger number of members than usual attended this Convention, over 400 being present at many of the lectures, and great appreciation was felt for the Vice-President's special gift of relating Theosophy to daily problems, and for Dr. Jocelyn Cook's profound and interesting talks to members.

There were many Federation Conferences and Group Meetings with lectures and discussions, in addition to two Easter Weekends, at places near Stockport and Southampton respectively, and a Students' Weekend at Camberley in July. No English Summer School was held, but a large number of English members attended the British Isles and Ireland Regional Summer School at Bangor, North Wales, where the speakers were also

mainly drawn from the English Section. The General Secretary and other members of the Section attended the Council meetings of the European Federation at Arnhem, Holland, in August, and several members went to the Silver Jubilee Celebration at St. Michaels, Huizen. The General Secretary also visited Scotland, Wales and Denmark.

The increased study activity in the Lodges has been maintained. The Study and Training Committee of the National Council completed an Advanced Study Course on Theosophy and a shorter course entitled Universal Life and Law. The latter is to form the basis for public lecture syllabuses next spring. The demand for the Advanced Study Course has been so great that another 600 copies have been made available.

The Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd. has reprinted the Adyar edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, for which there is a great demand. A small publication was the Blavatsky Lecture by Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins, M.A. entitled *The Science of Spirituality*.

Large parcels of clothing given by members have once more been sent to members in Poland, Yugoslavia and to Displaced Persons Camps in Germany, either through the medium of Headquarters or from the Lodges.

Various groups for children and young people continue to meet in Headquarters, and there are also regular Round Table meetings. The Under-21 Group has proved successful. New Round Tables are starting and a small committee has been formed to consider ways and means of stimulating and increasing interest in Theosophy among the younger generation. The General Secretary has invited Lodges and Federations to launch out into new work along these lines in their areas.

The Anniversary of Dr. Besant's birthday on October 1 was celebrated by a special lecture given jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ransom, at Headquarters. We were most fortunate in having the President with us on this occasion, during a very brief stay in London between his visit to the U.S.A. and his return to India.

United Nations Day was celebrated on October 24 by public meetings at Headquarters and in thirty Lodges, whilst other Lodges co-operated with their local United Nations Association branch in holding joint meetings. The Blavatsky Lodge, Accra, was responsible for holding the only United Nations meeting in the Gold Coast.

A member of the Executive Committee represented the Society, and spoke at the World Convention of Religions on the Foundations of Peace, held in London during August.

The Liaison Officer has attended meetings and conferences of other organizations, notable among them a conference of organizations associated with the National Peace Council on the Human Crisis in Africa.

Eight sections of the Headquarters Library have been re-catalogued, and as always, the Library is one of the most useful sources of publicity, as many members and some 400 non-member subscribers make use of it. The Junior Library continues in London and is extending its work by sending book-boxes to the provinces. Standard Theosophical books have been contributed to several public libraries.

In addition to the many lecture tours arranged for lecturers of this Section, we were grateful for the visits paid to us by Mr. Edward Gall, the General Secretary for Scotland, Mr. J. M. S. Harris, of Edinburgh, and Miss Helma Kool, the Acting General Secretary of the Netherlands.

In the New Year's Honours List a Barony was conferred on Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.P. for public service in many fields, who has chosen as his title Baron Haden-Guest of Salin. At the same time the Order of the M.B.E. was conferred on Miss Gladys M. Bowerman, in recognition of many years' service in the field of public health.

DORIS GROVES,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The year 1950 has been a very important year both for the Theosophical Society's International Organization and for the Indian Section. The year 1950 marks the 75th year of the Theosophical Society. It also marks the 60th year of the Indian Section. In the course of the last 60 years the Theosophical Society in India has

spread the message of Theosophy throughout the length and breadth of this vast country. Today there are branches of the Theosophical Society in practically all the big cities and towns of India. The message of Theosophy has spread into the villages as well, for we have Lodges and Centres of the Theosophical Society

in numerous villages of this great sub-continent. During the last sixty years, Theosophists in this country have carried the light of Theosophy to many fields of India's national life. Education, Politics, Art, Civics, Labour welfare, Women's movement, Youth movement, Scouting, Village uplift, Social service—in these and many other fields have Theosophists worked in this land for over sixty years and by their work have shown how Theosophy can be applied to the problems of individual and national life. The Theosophical Society in India can look back with legitimate pride to the work it has done during this period—a period of splendid service rendered in the cause of Theosophy.

On the occasion of the 75th year of the Theosophical Society I am happy to offer to the President, on behalf of the Indian Section, our most affectionate and fraternal greetings. The members of the Indian Section have full confidence in his great leadership. We, the members of the Indian Section, consider it a great privilege to work under his wise guidance, for we feel sure that with him at the helm of affairs, our Theosophical Ship will move speedily towards its destination. On the auspicious occasion of this Double Diamond Jubilee of the Theosophical Society, we renew our pledge of loyalty to the great Cause which the Theosophical Society represents.

National Tours.—During the year our President visited Patna, Gaya and Calcutta. He also presided over the annual conference of the Rayalaseema Federation held at Hyderabad and the Tamil Federation conference held at Coimbatore.

Shri N. Sri Ram visited Allahabad, Bombay, Ahmedabad and Bangalore, giving at all these places public lectures and talks to members.

Mr. Sidney A. Cook visited Mussoorie, Dehra Dun, Delhi and Agra. He in-

augurated a new Federation of the Indian Section at Delhi.

Shrimati Rukmini Devi visited Bombay, Lucknow, Delhi, Banaras and Patna.

Shridevi and I visited Lodges in the Bengal, Andhra Circars, Uttar Pradesh, Bombay and Gujarat Federations. We visited, in the course of the year, Allahabad, Mussoorie, Dehra Dun, Hardwar, Jharia, Patna, Calcutta, Delhi, Barua, Chodavaram, Anakapalle, Guntur, Amravati, Masulipatam, Bezawada, Kondapalle, Bombay, Waghodia and Ahmedabad. Shrimati Shridevi Mehta presided over the North Vizag District Theosophical Conference. I presided over the annual sessions of the Bengal, Andhra Circars, Gujarat, Bombay and Uttar Pradesh Theosophical Federations. We were very happy to be present at the inauguration of the Delhi Federation in January 1950.

Bro. R. M. Alpaiwalla, Joint General Secretary of the Indian Section for the West, visited Lodges in the Gujarat Federation.

Mr. Henry van de Poll who has been of very great help to us at the Indian Section Office from 1945 onwards, being in charge of the Membership Section, visited two Federation areas—the Central India, Rajputana and the Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Henry van de Poll has been the first to visit the places in East Punjab after the partition of the country. In this area, he was able to contact a large number of our members who are scattered. He has thus explored the possibilities of reorganizing Theosophical work in this area which has suffered much due to political disturbances.

Membership.—We began the year with a membership of 7,062. During the year, 726 new members joined the Theosophical Society in India; 163 dormant members revived their membership and 15 members were transferred to the Indian Section, thus bringing the total

to 7,966. Out of these 70 members died, 6 were transferred, 61 resigned and 696 were dropped owing to non-payment of dues for three years. The membership of the Indian Section stands at 7,133 on 1st October 1950.

The new admissions and revivals during the year, amounting to 889, are spread over all the Federations of the Indian Section. The largest increase has been registered by the Tamil Federation. This Federation had 152 new members during the year. The Andhra Circars Federation stands second with 99 new members and the Youth Federation comes third with 90 new admissions. Rayalaseema and Uttar Pradesh come fourth and fifth with 79 and 76 new members respectively.

In the course of the year the Indian Section has lost four very eminent personalities in the passing away of Shri Upendra Nath Basu, Shri A. Ranganatham, Shri Chandra Deva Narayan and Shri R. V. Phansalkar. Shri Upendra Nath Basu was the second General Secretary of the Indian Section, having succeeded Mr. Bertram Keightley. The Indian Section owes a great deal to Shri Upendra Nath Basu for it was he who supervised the construction work at the Indian Section Headquarters when the Indian Section offices were brought from Adyar to Banaras. During his General Secretaryship the Indian Section grew from a small Section to a big one. He was a close associate of Dr. Annie Besant when she had her headquarters at Banaras. We offer our respectful homage to him for all that he did for the cause of Theosophy in India.

Shri A. Ranganatham, Shri Chandra Deva Narayan and Shri R. V. Phansalkar were members of the Indian Section Council for many years and have given selfless services to the work of the Theosophical Society for over thirty years.

Lodges and Centres.—On 30th September 1949, the Indian Section had 403 Lodges and Centres on its roll. During the year 30 new Lodges and Centres were chartered.

The new Lodges and Centres formed during the year are: Maninagar, Anand, Usha, Besant, Rajpur (all four in Delhi), Sendurai, Mantapampalli, Kadayam, Amaravathi, Central (Calcutta), Kodlapura, Nittur, Pilani, Coonoor, Nallagonda, Sulurpeta, Gudiyatham, Peddatippasamudram Rishikesh, Orai, Gandhinagar (Adyar), Gandhinagar (Bezwada), Oel, Kondapalli, Tirukattupalli, Bhiravaram, Jamagar, Chodavaram, Godhra and Calcutta (the last three Youth Lodges).

The Delhi Federation.—Soon after the last Banaras Convention of the Theosophical Society, a new Federation of the Indian Section was inaugurated at Delhi consisting of Delhi and Simla Lodges. The several Lodges in Delhi have been functioning well and have strengthened Theosophical work in India's capital to a very great extent. The most urgent need of the Delhi Federation is a building of their own in order to house their various activities. There is a very great scope of work for the Theosophical Society in Delhi, and we hope the workers of the Indian Section belonging to different States will find time to visit Delhi and strengthen Theosophical work in the Capital of India.

Work in the Indian Punjab.—In the Indian Punjab there are a number of members of the Indian Section scattered about in various places. We have no worker in this area who can undertake the work of starting new Lodges with a view to forming a Punjab Federation affiliated to the Indian Section. During the year, Bro. Henry van de Poll was sent from the Section Headquarters to explore possibilities about re-organizing Theosophical work in this part of the country. He visited a number of places and contacted

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP CHART
1st October 1949 to 30th September 1950

Federation	Previous Statement	Members on 1 Oct. '49	Add			Total	Deduct			Total on 1 Oct. '50	Men	Women	Paid up to				Life Members	Free Members	Members at concession rate		
			New	Revived	Died		Re-sig-ned	Dropped out	1948				1949	1950	1951						
Andhra Circars	...	978	985	99	T 35	1119	7	...	T 4	80	1028	831	197	127	243	612	40	1	5	67	
Bengal	...	206	209	20	...	1	230	3	...	3	202	179	23	23	27	127	13	8	4	...	
Bihar	...	324	324	21	...	5	350	2	1	2	287	268	19	57	53	148	22	1	6	...	
Bombay	...	396	400	22	...	2	424	6	1	13	393	197	196	14	63	226	12	74	4	...	
C. I. and Rajputana	...	232	234	12	...	2	248	3	...	1	232	180	52	21	42	125	27	11	6	...	
Delhi	...	106	112	20	...	2	134	...	...	2	126	110	16	20	17	70	10	9	...	...
Gujarat	...	745	754	56	...	6	816	6	...	12	46	752	559	193	50	181	435	50	32	4	...
Karnataka	...	790	790	49	...	9	848	7	...	...	71	770	555	215	77	129	520	34	7	3	...
Kerala	...	146	144	2	...	3	149	3	...	1	25	120	102	18	41	21	45	9	1	3	...
Marathi	...	241	253	17	3	2	275	6	...	6	29	234	184	50	13	26	151	32	12	...	...
Rayalaseema	...	438	436	79	...	30	545	8	...	...	50	487	414	73	70	123	253	23	10	8	5
Tamil	...	680	680	152	7	18	857	10	2	1	51	793	681	112	67	139	477	85	22	3	20
Uttar Pradesh	...	561	564	76	1	15	656	6	...	1	55	594	475	119	52	80	366	54	35	7	2
Youth	...	523	517	90	1	21	629	...	1	12	131	485	360	125	100	115	247	17	3	3	...
Headquarters Lodge including unattached members, Lodges, over-age youth and refugees	...	696	660	11	3	12	686	3	1	3	49	630	527	103	410	8	107	24	78	3	1
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T=transfer from or/to other Sections

members of the Indian Section in various towns and cities of this area. According to the report which he has submitted there is a great possibility of Theosophical work being re-started in the Indian Punjab. We hope more workers will be able to visit this area during the coming year so that once again a Federation of the Indian Section may start functioning in the Indian Punjab.

Revision of the Indian Section Constitution:—At the last Banaras Convention it was decided that a special meeting of the Indian Section Council should be called in the course of the year, to revise the Indian Section Constitution. Accordingly the Indian Section Council met at Bombay in the last week of September. The revised Constitution has come into force from 1st October 1950.

The Besant Education Fellowship.—For the last eleven years, the Indian Section has been directly responsible for the management of the Besant Theosophical School, Banaras. At the last Convention, during the meeting of the Indian Section Council, it was decided to form a registered body, independent of the Indian Section, to which the management of the Besant Theosophical School, Banaras, may be handed over. In accordance with this direction of the Indian Section Council, the Council meeting which was held at Bombay drew up some rules for the formation of a registered Association. Under these rules, the first Governing Body of this Association has been appointed.

Study and Training Camps.—As mentioned in my last year's report, study camps and training classes are becoming more and more popular in the various Federations. At the Indian Section Headquarters we had a Camp for one week where a number of workers came from different Lodges of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. There was a camp organized by the Bihar

Federation at Patna in the month of September. Gwalior arranged a camp and one of the activities during this camp was to go to surrounding villages and present Theosophy to the people of the villages. The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists arranged a Youth Camp at Adyar during the month of May.

I would like to mention here that a very generous donor from Surat has donated to the Indian Section Rs. 10,000 for conducting Workers' Camps in Surat, for which the interest on this amount is to be used. A plan of studies for this Camp is being prepared and so perhaps the same plan could be adopted for Camps to be organized at other places. We are arranging to have for this Camp, a three-year course, so that in three years a basic training can be given to workers.

We have also introduced from this year the practice of giving to all new members a Plan of Study along with their diplomas of membership. This will help new members to carry on their individual studies in Theosophy.

National Lectureship.—Some years ago Shri Panda Baijnath donated Rs. 21,000/- as an endowment for the purposes of Theosophical propaganda in India. This amount has been deposited with the Treasurer of the Theosophical Society at Adyar. I was appointed a National Lecturer under this scheme in 1939 and I functioned in that capacity up to 1941 when I was appointed Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society. Since 1941 nobody has been appointed as National Lecturer under this scheme, due to various difficulties. Thus the interest amount for all these years has gone into the capital bringing the Endowment to Rs. 35,075-8-2 on 30th September 1950. The Executive Committee of the Indian Section requested Shri Panda Baijnath to alter certain provisions of his Instrument of Trust.

He very kindly agreed to do this so that we can now appoint a National Lecturer paying him up to Rs. 75/- per month as honorarium or travelling expenses. The Executive Committee appointed Shri U. G. Krishnamurti as a National Lecturer for the year 1950.

The Besant Theosophical School.—The Besant Theosophical School, Banaras, has now grown into a large educational institution with classes from the Montessori section to Matriculation. We have at present 650 students with more than one division in each class. The Vasanta Vihar, the hostel attached to the school, has 95 students. We could have admitted more boys in the Hostel but unfortunately there is no more accommodation available in our buildings.

I wish to impress upon the members of the Indian Section the fact that the Besant Theosophical School is no longer a financial burden to the Indian Section. On the contrary, since it pays from the hostels Rs. 5,200/- annually as rent to the Section, it is a financial help to the Indian Section.

The Indian Book Shop.—The Indian Book Shop is steadily progressing, building up its business in spite of many import handicaps. In the course of the year, a number of *Hindi* books have been published. They are as follows :

*Talks on At the Feet of the Master
Practical Occultism*

Kya Ham phir Janma Lenge ?

*Man : Whence, How and Whither—
A summary.*

During the year the Education Department, Uttar Pradesh, entrusted the Book Shop with the publication of one text book for Primary schools in the State. 25,000 copies of this book were published.

The Indian Section Headquarters.—The work at the Indian Section Office has gone on as usual. Shrimati Savitri Advani helped me in all secretarial

work. Shri Henry van de Poll looked after the membership section assisted by Shri Ramnath Dandekar, and Shri N. K. Bhide worked as Accountant. I am very grateful to all these workers for the devotion with which they have attended to their duties.

The Indian Book shop continues to be in charge of Shri G. R. Venkatram assisted by Shri R. C. Verma.

Shri Damodar Prasad looks after the gardens and the buildings and is of invaluable help to me in many things concerning the estate management.

Shri M. P. Nagar is in charge of Watch and Ward as also Sanitation.

Shri S. A. Hajare worked throughout the year as Librarian of the Indian Section Library.

Shri Ravi Sharan Verma attends to the legal work of the Indian Section.

I thank all these colleagues for all the help that they have given me in the course of the year in the administration of the Section Headquarters.

Conclusion.—The year under report has been one of steady progress. It is a matter of great happiness to us all that 726 new members have joined the Theosophical Society in India during this year and that 25 new Lodges and 5 new Centres have been formed. The work of the Theosophical Society in this country is on the ascending arc as can be seen from the report of activities received from various Federations and Lodges.

While our work during the last sixty years has been fine, we have now to plan out our work for the coming twenty-five years—the last quarter—at the end of which the first century of the work of the Theosophical Society will be over. The coming twenty-five years are, therefore, most important in the life of our Society, not only in India but throughout the world. As we look at the world today we find that many of the Theosophical ideals have penetrated practically all fields of life.

The work of the Theosophical Society is to lead men and women of the world to the discovery of these fundamental values of life. It is to this task that we, the members of the Indian Section, must address ourselves, so that through Theosophy and the Theosophical Society we may bring an ever-increasing number of people to

the discovery of the fundamental values of life. Let us all join together in this Great Work to which we are all committed and which is for the advancement of the noble cause of Humanity.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Membership.—The Section membership on 30th September 1950 stands at 1,050, compared with 1,026, 1,016, 982 in the three immediately preceding years.

Lodges.—There is one Lodge more, the total being now 15. The new Lodge is at Atherton, on a tableland in North Queensland, inland from Cairns. There used to be a Lodge at Cairns many years ago and Lodges at other places along the seaboard. The revival is due to Mr. Joe Pang Way, Atherton, who is the author of a pamphlet entitled "The Key to Happiness", for which Mr. Jinārājādāsa wrote a foreword.

New life is showing in Tasmania, where Dr. J. W. Bean, former General Secretary, has returned to his home town, Hobart.

Four jubilee anniversaries are being celebrated this year: Melbourne Lodge, chartered in 1890, Hobart 1890, Fremantle (W. A.) 1900, and Gosnells (W. A.) 1925.

Lecturer.—Mr. John Coats arrived in February from U.S.A. via New Zealand and worked in this Section for six months till July, visiting all the Lodges and addressing numerous public bodies. The Lodges were incited to more efficient service and he gave everyone—members and public alike—a vision of the Oneness of the Creation.

Convention.—The Convention in Melbourne at Easter, April 6-10, was the highlight of the year's work.

"Look Forward, Australia," the Convention theme, ran like a golden thread through all the deliberations. A message from the President had a forward-looking ring about it, seeing that he warned the Section of the "danger for the future growth of the nation" in the "slow appearance of a kind of caste system,"—on one side the business and professional man and on the other side the vast body of the Trade Union workers. "How many people affiliated to Trades Hall are in our Society? You will find very few," he commented. And he laid on Theosophists the injunction to do something definite to prevent this "fissure," this "deplorable division," by getting into action and by pointing out when national leaders ride rough-shod over Righteousness that "Love is the law," not injustice, creating cruelty and masquerading as patriotism.

Distinguished among the guests was Mr. John Coats who received great publicity by reason of his family connections. In a discussion on the Convention theme he urged Australian Theosophists to prepare a Charter of Human Duties to complement the U. N. Charter of Human Rights, and emphasized the need for Theosophists to assume leadership in all the cultural fields of our national life. On Easter night in the Majestic Theatre, Melbourne, he addressed an audience of nearly 900 people.

On the business side of Convention the incorporation of the Section, resolved upon at the previous Convention, was deferred pending certain legal advice.

Convention decided to continue the Australian Section Fund during 1950 to cover a small budget deficit.

It was resolved to hold the 1951 Convention in Sydney because the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, proposes to attend it.

Propaganda.—On the literary side this has involved the printing of some thousands of pamphlets entitled: "The Tenets of Theosophy," "Karma," "Life after Death", and a leaflet displaying on one side "10 Good Reasons Why You Should Study Theosophy" and on the reverse John Masfield's poem on reincarnation entitled: "A Creed".

Theosophy in Australia, the Section Journal, circulates among the members every other month and keeps them in touch with the world-wide movement. It also has an overseas circulation among General Secretaries and subscribers.

Broadcasting.—The value of the radio sessions on Station 2GB Sydney every Sunday evening at 9.30 p. m. grows more evident. The talks are relayed to 2CA Canberra (the Federal capital) and 2HR Hunter River (covering Newcastle and the coalfields). Many listeners who are not interested in becoming members of the Theosophical Society are learning to see the world through Theosophical eyes.

Young Theosophists.—These are active in all the major Lodges, holding study groups and speakers' training classes and taking their share in the Lodge work.

Members visiting Adyar.—Miss Doris Clarke has returned from the School

of the Wisdom 1949-50. Several Australians have left to attend the 1950-51 School and the 75th Jubilee Convention. The privilege of a visit to Adyar, the home of all Theosophists, is highly prized in this country.

Obituary.—Several stalwarts have passed over during the year: Miss Leonora Gmeiner, who for many years promoted Dr. Besant's activities in Delhi and was rewarded by the King Emperor with the Kaiser-i-Hind medal—died in Adelaide, near her home. Mrs. M. G. Kollerstrom, who was hostess to C. W. Leadbeater during the early part of his residence in Sydney; Miss E. F. Haycraft, B.Sc., stalwart of Adelaide Lodge; Miss E. M. Caspersz, active for many years in Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, died in England; Mr. George Millar, Sydney, chartered accountant; and Mr. P. Stanway Tapp, Perth, artist and writer.

Next World Convention.—As stated in my last report the Section's invitation to hold the next World Congress in Australia was considered in General Council at Banaras, December 1949, and the matter was deferred for the reasons, briefly, "that the date suggested, 1951, is too close to the 75th anniversary of 1950 and that as 1953 will see the beginning of a new Presidential term, it was suggested that 1954 would be a more suitable time. The venue may be considered later."

A year of great opportunity lies ahead as Australia moves forward into larger responsibilities. Members who have a vision of the racial plan of the future and the important part which Australia is destined to play in that future will seize and maximize these opportunities.

J. L. DAVIDGE,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The main part of the work of the Swedish Section is done by the Lodges. In Stockholm the Lodges have been giving together during this year at least one, often two or three public lectures every week, and some of the Lodges outside the Capital give lectures weekly or fortnightly. Beside this there are everywhere meetings for Lodge members only. The activity in Stockholm, during the spring of this year, started by a public lecture in the Hall of the Medical Society on the subject: "Can Theosophy give what modern people seek?" The lecture was fairly well attended and followed up by a question and answer meeting and a study course and by the activities of the Lodges in the capital.

Lecture tours to Lodges have been arranged on some occasions, two of which were to the Northern part of Sweden, where Theosophical lecturers have not been for many years. The lack of speakers who can travel around is, however, a drawback for this important part of the work. To meet in small degree this need of lecturers a speakers class has been started.

The Section Convention 1950 was held at Whitsuntide in Stockholm. The general theme for talks and discussions was "What the man of today is seeking and how Theosophy can meet him".

The Summer School of this year was, as on some other occasions, arranged as a joint Scandinavian gathering in "Gammel Praestegaard" in Denmark under the leadership of Mrs. and Mr. Ransom from England. Not only Scandinavians but also members from Germany, England and Holland, met there for a fruitful and happy gathering. These Summer Schools are becoming an institution of great importance for the Theosophical work in Scandinavian countries, both for the Sections individually and for their working together.

As in previous years, a joint Christmas issue of the Theosophical magazines of the four Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden was issued in 1949.

In June this year, a new Lodge named Graalsökarna was formed in Stockholm, the third in the Capital. This new Lodge will, among other things, study Christianity from the Theosophical point of view, and try to find new ways of presenting Theosophy, using also several forms of art, and endeavour to help every member to embody in his life what he thinks essential in Theosophy.

Including this new Lodge there are at present 19 Lodges in the Section and 357 members, an increase of 22 members since last year.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The visit of Mr. J. B. S. Coats to our National Society during the year under review was very greatly appreciated by members and the public. He toured for five months, visiting the majority of our Lodges and everywhere attracted large audiences. He was Guest of Honour at our Annual Convention at

the close of his tour and considerably assisted in its proceedings. His warm friendliness won him a place in all hearts.

Annual Convention.—The 53rd Annual Convention, at which there was a record attendance, was held in Wellington, the Capital City, from 25th

December, 1949, to 1st January, 1950. Characteristic of the Convention, with its keynote, "Theosophy, Herald of Tomorrow", was the frequent use of the words "Human Relationships". Commencing with the opening address, in which it was the outstanding thought, it grew into a Convention theme and, like a recurring motive, ran through all its proceedings. It was shown that the solution to the many problems of world unrest lay in harmonious living and that the greatest offering that any human being could make as a herald of the new age was the offering of a life harmoniously lived.

New Zealand is so far apart geographically from other countries that overseas visitors are few and we were most happy to welcome to our Convention Mr. G. Sreenivasan of Adelaide Lodge, Australia, and Mr. Donne Smith of Vancouver from the Canadian Federation.

At the close of Convention the Theosophical Women's Association staged a delightful and beautiful series of tableaux depicting representations of the Feminine Aspect of the Deity in mythology and religion. The script was compiled by members of the Association. Among the nine representations was Hine Titama, the Dawn Maid of Maori Mythology, which when depicted created a very fine atmosphere.

Resolution of the General Council.—The important resolution of the General Council on Disassociation, passed at its meeting in Banaras on December 31st, was published in our Section Journal. Coming as it has done in the Society's 75th year, it is most opportune and calls for our special attention. It brings clearly before members the pre-eminence of the work of the Theosophical Society and the necessity for vigilance to see that the activities of the so-called "subsidiary movements" are not allowed to become substitutes for true Lodge work or in any way pretermit the Society's original work.

In New Zealand Lodges especially, where in the main these activities meet in their Halls, there is a special need to be on guard against such tendencies. The work of a Lodge is rightly the work of the Theosophical Society and that work was clearly and unmistakably set down in the famous Letter of the Maha-Chohan in 1881.

General Secretary to Visit Adyar.—A motion at the Convention Table to send the General Secretary to Adyar to represent officially the Section at the 75th International Convention in December, was carried unanimously.

Increase in Annual Dues.—The Annual Section Dues have been increased to 12/6 for members attached to Lodges and to £1 for unattached members—the increases being 2/6 and 5/0 respectively.

Penny-a-Day or Section Voluntary Fund.—Following a suggestion made by the President-Founder, Colonel Olcott, during his visit to New Zealand in 1897, the Section in 1903 instituted the Penny-a-Day Fund. For forty-seven years this Fund has helped to supplement the funds of the Section and so made possible a steady expansion of the work.

The total amount contributed to the Fund since its inception is £6,765, and the sum of £273 given last year was the largest amount received in any one year.

Membership.—The membership on 30th September, 1950, stands at 925. There have been 55 incoming and 66 outgoing, giving a decrease of 11 members. Of the sixteen Lodges, the H.P.B. Lodge, Auckland, has the largest membership—there being over 300 on its roll. It is encouraging to note the many young men and women among the new members.

New Lodge at Rotorua.—A new Lodge was chartered in Rotorua, the town of thermal wonders, on December 4th, 1949. By invitation of the Lodge I went to Rotorua to speak at the

inaugural meeting and welcomed several new members. Though small, the Lodge has a very good year of work to its credit.

Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.—The sum of £122 has been contributed during the year to the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund. This sum is made up of Adyar Day collections, individual contributions and £25 voted at Convention from the Section funds.

National Headquarters.—Our National Headquarters, officially opened two years ago, has become a busy centre for the official work of the Section. It is the nucleus of a small Theosophical community. In addition to those resident at Headquarters 27 members live in the vicinity.

Mr. H. H. Banks.—We were fortunate in having one of our members, Mr. H. H. Banks, resident at Adyar during the year. He officially represented the Section at the International Convention in Banaras and was the first New Zealand member to attend the School of the Wisdom. Mr. Banks' quarterly letters, published in *Theosophy in New Zealand*, have been of great interest to our members and have brought all close to Adyar.

It is expected that nine New Zealand members will be present at the International Convention featuring the 75th Anniversary of the Society.

Lecturers in the Field.—Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, National Lecturer, has travelled extensively during the year, making successful tours in both Islands. His tireless service in the cause of Theosophy, together with his humane work for the Theosophical Order of Service, of which he is Chief Brother, and the New Zealand Vegetarian Society, of which he is the President, make a splendid record of work for the year. Our Section has indeed great cause to be grateful for

his continued presence and ever ready help.

Miss Mary Graham, appointed by Convention an official lecturer in New Zealand, has travelled widely. Her public lectures, talks to outside organisations and many broadcasts on India, were very well received. Members particularly appreciated Miss Graham's talks on Adyar and her study sketches of the beautiful compound.

Young Theosophists.—The interest of the Young Theosophists of New Zealand, of whom there are many, lies in the Lodges in which they are active workers. They have their own youth groups but like especially to fraternize and work in happy comradeship with the older members. They organize and run the Order of the Round Table and classes for younger children.

Conclusion.—As General Secretary I have made official visits to most of the Lodges, speaking to members especially about the work of the Society during its 75 years and to the public on "The Distinctive Contribution of Theosophy to Modern Thought."

Tours of this nature reveal the many difficulties smaller Lodge groups have to face, but they reveal also the wealth of devotion shown by our members, who, facing these difficulties, keep their Lodges active. One is sometimes reminded of the words of Annie Besant: "Wherever a Lodge meets, a star is shining amid the darkness of the world, and its magnetic influences stream through the atmosphere carrying blessings wherever they go." By the devotion of our brothers in the many outposts of the work that star is kept shining.

EMMA HUNT,

General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

During this period our administration was thoroughly readjusted, so now for the first time after the war we are able to give the exact numbers as to our membership list. This list shows 108 new members, but a decrease of 370 members. The total decrease thus becomes, compared with our former sum total (which was not precisely made), 136 members. It may be said, notwithstanding the above statements, that there has been during this period a decided *increase* of members, there having been many more added instead of being put on the list of withdrawals; most of the 370 who were taken off, were already off, either during or after the last war.

On the whole, the Section has been flourishing, though no new Lodges or Centres were formed. The work is steadily going on, both of the Section and of the Young Theosophists' movement. Our students' Centre at Delft may still be said to be the most alive company we have just now. Several very nice Youth Week-ends have been held. One National Convention was held, with the theme Theosophy and Art, and this was quite a successful gathering. Two National Council meetings were held.

The monthly magazine *Theosophia* is being read more and more, both

within and without the circle of members of the Society. Its subscribers are constantly increasing in number.

It was a year of very many jubilees: of the Huizen Centre, of the Annie Besant Lodge in Huizen, and also of some other Lodges. Many young people of our Section attended the European Council in Arnhem. Our Publishing House has done very well. The Lodge libraries have been re-organized as much as possible.

One radio talk was given; the Acting General Secretary spoke on the value of Theosophy at the present time.

We have been busy preparing for the Jubilee Exhibition which will be held in November next on "The Unity of all Religions." It promises to be very good, and we have already received very much cooperation from Governmental museums and authorities.

The spirit among our members is on the whole earnest, and also is becoming more and more open to the modern and new values of the present day world. We seem to be a bit less dull and a bit more optimistic and hopeful.

J. N. VAN DER LEY,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The summer of 1949 saw the Golden Jubilee of the French Section and the magnificent Congress of the European Federation in Paris. It was only in accordance with the law of periodicity that these high moments were followed by a period of internal crisis in our Section.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in April 1950, when the

General Secretary was re-elected for a period of three years.

We much regret the loss of some of our co-workers. Prof. Marcault has transferred his membership to Adyar on his departure for India in May 1950. We have also lost Madame Bock, who has rendered great service to the Section. Fortunately other members of

the Council have come to the aid of the General Secretary.

The routine work of the Section has continued as usual. Meetings have been held and the two magazines *La Vie Theosophique* and *Lotus Bleu* have been published.

There are to-day 47 Lodges and 44 Centres, including three in Algiers, Pointe-à-Pitre (Guadeloupe) and Tours.

In September 1949 we stated that there were 2,236 members. These figures were too high, but it is difficult to tell the exact number. We have therefore taken a drastic decision not to count any members but those who are up to date in payment for the current year. We are therefore counting now only 1,920 members. This figure is certainly below the truth.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

There are 837 active members in 36 regular Lodges and 6 Centres. Independent members number 60. This is an increase of 36 members in respect to the last year. Three new Lodges have been added to those pre-existent, besides two new Centres.

The Society held its 36th Congress in Torino on the 6th, 7th and 8th of last June, with an attendance of 200 members, and the support of all the Lodges. At the Congress, matters of administration, organization and propaganda, besides study on educational and social problems under Theosophical aspects were discussed. The Congress also discussed the prob-

lem of disassociation of the Society from all other movements, and unanimously approved the resolution of Banaras. The Congress also expressed the wish for an increased propaganda for Brotherhood in this crucial period of menacing new wars, utilizing the 75th Anniversary of the Theosophical Society.

I gave my attention to the organization of the Society's government, to propaganda and to the direction and editorial work of our magazine *Alba Spirituale* which is issued monthly.

GIUSEPPE GASCO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The past year has been a period of slow growth for the German Section. Nevertheless the total number of members increased to 767 at the end of the year. Two new Lodges have been formed, one in Berlin and the other in Hannover, and a Centre in Essen established. All Lodges have had regular meetings weekly or every fortnight, and the study of Theosophical teachings has been continued everywhere.

The work in our country is still hindered by the fact that Germany is divided into Western and Eastern parts and it is rather difficult and not without danger to contact our members behind the Iron Curtain.

Some of our Lodges have been happy to have visitors from other countries of Europe. The General Secretary of the European Federation, Mr. van Dissel, visited Lodges in Hamburg, Frankfurt, Main and Dusseldorf.

The three Hamburg Lodges had the visit of the Recording Secretary of the Dutch Section, Miss Helma Kool, Mr. Purnall from London, and Mrs. Bonde-Jensen from Denmark. All gave very interesting lectures. The General Secretary of the German Section travelled also to several Lodges in various parts of the Section. The work of the whole year has been done in memory of the 75th anniversary of the Theosophical Society.

The most important event was a Summer School in Rendsburg last summer, which was attended by representatives of 13 Lodges. Miss Helma Kool and the General Secretary of the Young Theosophists in Europe, Mr. Aisso Raven from Holland, were our guests in Rendsburg. We had a very happy time there with numerous excellent lectures given in an atmosphere of wonderful harmony. During this time we visited Eckernforde on the Eastern Sea, and a place near Schleswig, where the Master St. Germain lived and worked for a time, and we felt very strongly that our whole Convention was under His influence. Our Summer School was successful and we decided to repeat this work next year hoping to make it an annual occurrence in the Section.

Some of our German members attended the Summer School of the Scandinavian Section in Gammel Praestegaard. They were very happy to be there as guests of the Swedish

Section. Also the Jubilee Convention of the Theosophical Centre in Huizen was visited by German members and some attended the Council Meeting of the European Federation in Arnhem, Holland. The lack of Theosophical literature in the German language was discussed in Arnhem by the representatives of the three German-speaking countries, together with the Executive Committee of the European Federation. It was decided:

(1) The Theosophical journal *Adyar*, issued by Dr. Lauppert in Graz, Austria, shall become the common Theosophical periodical of Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The financial help of the European Federation enables us to send the magazine without extra payment to all members of the three Sections. It shall be issued every three months. In addition every Section will send a Circular Letter to all members to establish the necessary contact between the General Secretary and the Lodges.

(2) The European Federation will help us with the reprinting of two Theosophical books in German, *The Riddle of Life*, by Dr. Besant and *Introductory Studies in Theosophy*, by A. Gardner.

The first copy of our periodical has been sent already to our members and the preparations for the printing of the first Theosophical book are progressing, so that we hope to finish this work during the coming year.

MARTIN BOYKEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

The number of the Lodges of the Section during this year is the same: 32 Lodges; none *new* and none *dissolved*.

The membership is as follows:

New admissions	... 31
Re-admissions	... 18
Transfers from other Sections.	0
Resignations	... 2
Deaths	... 7
Lapsings	... 65
Transfers to other Sections	... 4
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In last report	... 683
In this year under report	... 654
Decrease	... 29

Activities.—This Section has gone on with its activities as usual: Lodge meetings, assemblies, conventions, groups of students, book-selling, and

the publication of magazines. We have now three magazines: *La Revista Teosófica Cubana*, the official organ of the Cuban Section, *Teosofia* of the Eastern Federation, and *Enseñanzas Teosóficas* of Annie Besant Lodge of Havana.

The Centres of "Ciudamar" and "Leadbeater" have worked efficiently. The Western Federation has already commenced the construction of its edifice. I have been invited to inaugurate it at the end of this year.

I am sending my best wishes to all brothers meeting at the 75th International Convention of the Theosophical Society in Adyar; also of the Cuban Section; and to the President my highest consideration and respect.

LORGIO VARGAS,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

Section Closed. No Report

FINLAND

During the year under report the work has been carried on mainly along the old lines. The countryside Lodges have been kept in touch with the Helsinki Headquarters by regular circular letters and lecture tours.

Activities of the Lodges.—All the 23 Lodges, 8 of which are in Helsinki, have held regular meetings, most of them once a week, and some smaller ones in the country once a fortnight. The study work and discussions on present duties have formed the main part of their programme.

Activities of Children and Young People.—A group of children, from 4

to 11 years, has been gathering every Sunday afternoon at the Headquarters where they play and sing, listen and tell fairy tales and are told short stories about the lives of our Theosophical Teachers. Many of the children are musical and their gay group have several times contributed towards entertaining at some bigger celebrations of the Society. There have been some 25-35 children on the rolls in Helsinki, and about 10 in the Lodge at Pori.

A young people's group of about 10 boys and girls of 12-16 has met once a fortnight in a private home near the over-crowded Headquarters. Music,

singing and drawing have formed the bigger part of their programme, but some reading of Theosophical books for the young has been included. It has also been most interesting to see their interpretations of what they have heard in words, shown in lines and colours.

Activities of Youth.—The youth group in Helsinki has held its meeting once a fortnight. Several non-members have attended the meetings and discussion has been lively and enthusiastic. Some older members have been invited to the meetings, where they have been thoroughly "examined".

Activities during Summer.—Members in Helsinki arranged visits to the countryside members, and several non-members also took part. Children made their Sunday trips to some nearby islands and the Zoo. Three Lodges on the west coast held a short and successful Summer School at Seinäjoki in one member's house.

24 members attended the Scandinavian Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard, Denmark; of these 4 went on to Arnhem (2 as official delegates) to attend the Council meeting of the European Federation, and afterwards went to the Jubilee Week of the Huizen Centre, where they met 9 members who had come direct, making a happy group of 13 Finns.

Public Work.—All the traditional yearly festivals have been duly celebrated throughout the Section. One of the Helsinki Lodges has continued its tradition of holding weekly question meetings on Saturdays. In addition to our own touring lecturers a welcome aid was rendered by Mr. J. J. van Ginkel who visited the Section in October. He gave four lectures in Helsinki and afterwards toured Tampere, Seinäjoki and Turku finding crowded meetings and grateful listeners. Two festivals for children were arranged during the year.

Annual Convention.—The Annual Convention was held at Easter with a motto "75 years of Theosophy—what does it expect of us?" The subject was dealt with in several talks and discussions, arriving at a conclusion that one of our foremost duties as Theosophists is *service*. At the same time we must endeavour to open ourselves to those matters and ideas which are now being born. As the Section's General Secretary, Mr. Hugo Valvanne, had been appointed the Ambassador to India and left in October to take up his new post, a new General Secretary was elected and the lot fell upon Signe Rosvall.

Membership.—The number of new members during the year was 30, and those discontinuing 5, bringing the total membership to 721.

The Magazine Teosofi.—This was published once a month, the subscribers being about 1,000. As usual the news from Adyar, Huizen and National Sections has been published as part of the magazine.

Finances.—Through Mr. Valvanne's intermediary, the Section has been able to pay all its debts, the ten years' membership fees, to Adyar Headquarters.

Adyar.—It was a piece of good karma of the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Yrjö Kallinen, to have an opportunity to visit Adyar last December. Since returning home he has on many occasions in Helsinki and other towns and places in the country given many interesting talks on his journey, illustrating them with many photographs taken in India. Thus the members have felt themselves ever closer to Adyar and its blessing. During this September Mrs. Birgitta Valvanne paid a short visit to Helsinki telling us about her experiences in India and giving the members a glimpse of Delhi and the Himalayas.

I take this opportunity to send our greetings of love and loyalty to our

President and to all workers at Adyar thanking them for their service and help to humanity.

At present the same difficulties are felt in Finland as in other countries in the world. Here also there is felt the burden of the menace of a new war, and the uncertainty of the economic situation. Yet the Finnish Section is trying to do its best in presenting

Theosophy and offering its light and peace to the people of this corner of the globe. We are happy for the opportunity of being a band of humble servers in the work of the Great Ones and we ask for Their blessing on our efforts.

SIGNE ROSVALL,

General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

The year under review has been one of great activity and expansion. Carefully planned preparations, such as the compiling of a Correspondence Course for enquirers, the formation of a Section Library, etc., brought their harvest during this 75th year of the Theosophical Society.

The visit of our Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Mrs. Jocelyn Cook, made us more than ever conscious of the international aspect of the Society. They made the Easter Convention at Pretoria an unforgettable one, bringing with them the Spirit of Adyar. Also their visit to the main Lodges has been much appreciated.

Membership.—During the period from January to September 1950, 89 new members were admitted. There were 4 readmissions, making a total of 93 incoming members. Against this we lost 16 by resignations, 3 by deaths, 12 by removals from the roll,

and 5 by transfer to other Sections, totalling 36 outgoing members. This leaves a net increase of 57 members. The membership now stands at 647 in 12 Lodges. Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Sir Robert Kotze, the author of "The Scheme of Things".

New Lodges.—The enthusiastic work of our National Vice-President and Field-work organiser, Mr. S. Stakesby-Lewis, and others resulted in the formation of 5 new Lodges, in Salisbury and Marandellas (Rhodesia), East London (Cape), Pietermaritzburg (Natal) and Vereeniging (Transvaal). This is a great gain to our Section as the number of Lodges had been static and stood at 7 for many years. Each new Lodge has been presented with a nucleus of a library, containing £10 worth of new books and a number of second-hand books collected from kind donations by members and from

bequests. These new Lodges have been visited regularly after their formation, and public and members' talks were given to help them onward.

Lecturers.—The bigger Lodges entertained an interesting syllabus supported by their own lecturers. Mr. Stakesby-Lewis made several "field-work" tours, including Rhodesia, where he formed the 2 new Lodges, and also spoke in Bulawayo. His lectures in Durban and Pietermaritzburg and the 3 Transvaal Lodges were also much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Pizzighelli visited East London and by their good work there the formation of the East London Lodge was made possible. Besides in the Johannesburg, Pretoria and Vereeniging Lodges I lectured in Pietermaritzburg and Durban, renewing many valued contacts. Mrs. B. Ensor and Mr. B. Archer have undertaken a campaign in Port Elizabeth.

Monthly meetings have been given at our home as part of "Headquarters" activities, which drew a group of new enquirers.

Publicity Work.—The steady use of the Correspondence Course has led to many new contacts in out-of-the-way places. Some new pamphlets and leaflets have been printed.

One of our members has recently opened a Theosophical "Clinic" for the public and this novel experiment which he terms "Spiritual Therapy" has proved to fill a dire need. He has been flooded with cases, needing the sympathetic help which a deep understanding of Theosophy can almost in every case supply.

Results have already proved that here is a new line of work which deserves our attention.

The Institute for Theosophical Publicity in S. A. has kept up its good work in the sale of books. The Institute is now busy with the publishing of a book by Miss Clara Codd under the title *So Rich a Life* which we hope will have a world-wide appeal. Also an autobiography by one of our members is under consideration.

Conclusion.—It is especially gratifying to see that so many people in this country seem to be open for the message of Theosophy, and with this in view more stress will be laid in the near future on Field-work than on the existing strong Lodges. In this country of vast distances and poor communications this means hard and sustained work. May we find among our members an eager response to the appeals which will be made—a response inspired by their confidence in the power of our teachings to give a solution to the many urgent problems of life. There is confusion everywhere because people lack a sense of purpose. There is misunderstanding and unhappiness because of conflicting interests. Theosophy can bring a solution to all such problems, based on the Unity of all life. It can bring new inspiration, lifting people out of their apathy to a fuller realization of their human possibilities, and it can bring to all a renewed courage to face the future, a courage inspired by the Eternal Truth that "The Race of Men is Divine."

J. E. STAKESBY-LEWIS,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

The work during the past year has proceeded in a quiet and unspectacular but steady manner. All the usual activities have been carried out and attendances have, on the whole, been well up to the average. The Lodges carry on their own particular activities, as well as taking part in joint activities on special occasions.

A visit from Mr. Sri Ram in May 1949 was much appreciated, and other visitors included Mrs. Doris Groves, the General Secretary of the English Section.

The membership to date stands at 367, as against 385 for the previous year. The decrease is almost entirely due to the new procedure of strictly adhering to the suspension of members of whom nothing has been heard over a period of two years.

The library continues its excellent work on the usual extensive scale, a total of 2,478 volumes having been taken out during the year. The Library is constantly being added to and for its success much credit is due to the Librarian.

Parcels have been sent to a family of Latvian members in a displaced

persons camp in Germany, and have been deeply appreciated.

The A. B. C. fund for the permanent upkeep of the Headquarters at Adyar is still open, and up to date the sum of £250 has been sent from Scotland.

The General Secretary deeply regrets that owing to illness he was prevented from attending the European Federation meetings in Paris last August, but Scotland was officially represented by Mrs. Allan. He is now sufficiently recovered to resume most of his duties and, in addition, has visited the English North-west Federation, London, Bath and the two Sections in Ireland, being the Guest of Honour at the Northern Ireland Annual Convention.

The Scottish Annual Convention was held on 20th and 21st May, the Guest of Honour being Mr. Sidney A. Cook, Vice-President of the Society, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cook. Both took part in the various meetings and contributed greatly to the friendly atmosphere and success which characterized the Convention.

EDWARD GALL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Membership on 30th September, 1950, stood at 247, an increase of 12 over the previous year. There are 15 Lodges and 2 Centres, with a group of Young Theosophists working in Basel. In addition to the normal activities of the Lodges, members of the Geneva group meet twice a month for discussions.

This year the public work at Headquarters was designed to show the place of the Founders of the Theosophical Society in the religious history of the world. The first half of the year was therefore devoted to a series of

lectures on the great Teachers, summed up in a final lecture on *The Unity of the Great Religions*. This served as an introduction to a series in the second half-year on the work of the leaders of the Society culminating in the celebration of the 75th Anniversary from 11th to 17th November. A Shadow Convention will be held in Geneva on 28th December.

Another line of work, started long ago at the International Headquarters in Geneva in co-operation with professors from the University, consists

of research into the universal features of the various cultures of the world. This was continued during 1950, seven meetings being held.

In June two members represented the Society at the World Conference of N. G. Os. held under the auspices of the U.N. Information Department. The Conference was unanimous in emphasizing the importance of educating the peoples of the world in regard to the aims and activities of the U.N.

A Summer School for French-speaking countries took place in July at Troinex near Geneva, under the auspices of

the Theosophical Society in Europe. The subject chosen for study and discussion was *The Theosophical Experience in Life* and 55 members took part, coming from France, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland and England. A fresh current of thought seemed to pervade the whole atmosphere of the School, giving a new impetus to the work, and those present realized vividly the importance of wide and vital contacts with the life of the world.

ALBERT SASSI,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

During the year Mlle. Serge Brisy, who has been General Secretary for many years, was forced to resign owing to ill-health. The Section accepted her resignation with regret and M. Urbain Monami was appointed General Secretary.

Membership.—The membership has remained almost the same, losses due to death and lapsing and transfers being 25 and new members 24. Total membership is 321. There are eleven Lodges which are working actively and report a good attendance.

The Library and Book Shop are very active.

Regular **Public Lectures** were held, attended by an average of 80 to 100 people. The General Secretary was

invited by the Swiss Section to lecture in Switzerland but was unable to do so owing to an accident.

As in former years the Government accorded a donation of 7,500 Belgian francs to the Theosophical Society, the lectures being considered educational and of public utility. One of the members gave a series of lectures on the radio, Theosophical in teachings, although without the name. Excellent publicity in the newspapers followed.

At a very happy meeting a beautiful copy of *The Secret Doctrine* was given to the retiring Secretary from the members. M. Monami, in presenting this gift, spoke of the silent courage of Mlle. Brisy during the war.

URBAIN MONAMI,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

We closed last year with seven Lodges and one Centre. After the withdrawal of the Dutch Army, the Lodges Padma (in Blitar,) Kediri (in Kediri) and the Centre Timoer (in Malang) rejoined us, with many old and new members. The Lodges Djokerto (in Djakarta), Soerakarta (in Soerakarta) and Dharma (in Jogjakarta) did not rejoin us until Convention time in September of this year, and not having the necessary information about them, I could not include them in my report.

The Lodge in Madioen, with its splendid Lodge building (a gift of our late Dr. Koot), has only two members left. The Lodge in Kediri reported in September last her rebirth on the 19th of August, with seven members, four of whom came from Lodge Padma in Blitar, where Dr. Sosrosoedirdjo has done much good work. As with the exception of one Dutch and two Chinese members, all the others left and her buildings were requisitioned by the Indonesian army, the Lodge in Bogor (Buitenzorg) had again to close down. In Medan, as most of the Dutch members left for their own country, the old Medan Lodge and the new Vasanta Lodge (Tamil) decided on a fusion, whereby Vasanta Lodge disappeared and Medan Lodge was strengthened by her members, the two Lodges becoming one with forty-five members under the able guidance of Br. Kumarasamy.

As the departure of so many Dutch members, forced by the regulations of the Round Table Conference in The Hague, will steadily proceed, what has been done in Medan will, most probably, have to be done elsewhere too, to protect the Lodge buildings. Otherwise, where the Lodge membership is too small to justify the use of their own larger building, it would be requisitioned by the Indonesian

Government, which needs housing accommodation for their army and officials. So in Malang, where there is no possibility of reconstructing the old Malang Lodge, the owner of several buildings, the president of the Centre Timoer, Br. Soeroamidjojo, was advised to reconstitute the Centre Timoer, with the help of some former Malang Lodge members, into a regular Malang Lodge, claiming back its premises.

The last war revealed that the different Lodge laws and regulations did not provide for the fact that when no members or board are left, Lodge property becomes ownerless and falls into the hands of the Government instead of into those of the National Section.

This year, October 1, 1949 to September 30, 1950, ended with a total membership of 290, a gain of 84.

The withdrawal of European members created great difficulties in the furtherance of our work in Lodges having a majority of European members. It is the older members who are leaving and the younger members are not yet able to replace them, especially in lecturing and propaganda. So, much of the work is done by a small group, but the group has done exceedingly well.

The other Lodges, often strengthened by the re-admission of old Indonesian members, are flourishing, especially the Lodge in Semarang (our hostess during Convention days in September 1950).

One of the great difficulties for the Lodges with a majority of Indonesian members is the lack of good books on Theosophy in the Indonesian language. This lack was a handicap even before the war, leading books on Theosophy being translated during members' courses by the Indonesian members having sufficient knowledge of Dutch and English. Perhaps when the number of Indonesian members has grown

to 500 or more, it will be financially possible to edit translations of such books as *The Ancient Wisdom, In the Outer Court, The Path of Discipleship, Thought Power, A Study in Consciousness, The Inner Life, First Principles of Theosophy*, and others. This lack of good books is often the cause of too much attention being paid to pseudo-occultism.

Islam, as it is professed here, has no ritual, no occultism, no mysticism, therefore many Indonesian members, not wishing to enter the Islamic "tarekats" (a kind of mystical brotherhood) were attracted by the ritual of the Mystic Star, its ritual being translated, by permission, into the Indonesian language. I think that as soon as we can get the necessary funds and can fulfil the conditions as recently laid down, we will start again, as this ritual will withhold many members from pseudo-mysticism.

In Djakarta (Batavia) and Bandung a course of 12 public lectures on the philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita was given by Br. Ir. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, attracting many interested people. Other lectures also drew good attendance, even in inclement weather.

The stencilled monthly, *Theosophie*, issued by the Lodge in Djakarta, is still doing very well. So, too, is Br. Kwe Boen Hian's monthly, *Penjedar*.

The transfer of money to foreign countries having been made very expensive, a drastic reduction was necessary in the number of subscriptions to *The Theosophist* ordered from the Theosophical Publishing House. So instead of an increase now with more Lodges, there has to be a decrease, which is a great pity.

The chief event this year has been our first post-war Convention, held on the 2nd and 3rd of September in Semarang. This Convention was necessary because the nomination, by the Government, of the President and the other members of our General Board

expires the 31st of October, 1950. So first there had to be an election of a new President and 10 new members, conforming to our Laws and Regulations, and secondly, the name of our Section had to be changed.

There was no liquidation of the old Netherlands Indies Theosophical Society, and the creation of a Perhimpunan Theosofi Tjabang Indonesia, as I suggested last year, but a continuation of the old Society under a new name, this name, as chosen by our General Council on the 3rd of September, 1950, and to be submitted to the International President for approval, now being Perhimpunan Theosofi Tjabang Indonesia (P. T. T. I.).

The Convention was attended by 92 members coming from every part of Java and even one member from Medan in Sumatra. There were only 6 European members, viz. 5 from Semarang and one from Bandung, the undersigned.

We were glad to have been able to meet again, to renew old bonds and to make new ones, to clear away misunderstandings and to lay the foundations of the work for the future, deciding on the task and the duty of the Theosophist in a now sovereign Indonesia.

The importance of this Convention did not lie in the election of the new President and the new name, however important these things were, but in what lay behind them—the transfer of the guidance of our National Section from European hands into Indonesian hands, a thing which had to be done, now that Indonesia has political freedom and sovereignty. This change was planned in 1946, but war and bad communications intervened.

Within a few weeks our Theosophical ship here will be manned by a new crew and steered by a new captain and helmsman. They will be helped and strengthened by our co-operation, our love and our brotherhood. Surely then

a straight course will be steered, a course leading to that ultimate goal, work for the upliftment of humanity, bringing mankind from the Unreal to the Real, from Darkness to Light, from Death to Immortality.

General Remarks.—As everywhere in our world, there is uncertainty and fear, and these two always breed hatred and corruption. There is a lack of knowledge, a lack of organization, but, above all, there is a lack of unselfishness and self-sacrifice. And these things are murderous for a new-born State which has still to find its own forms of expression and ought not, in the beginning, to be hampered with all kinds of claims, with a steady and increasing demand of rights, with no mention being made of duties to be fulfilled.

Quality is replaced by quantity, capability by political acceptability. People everywhere are talking of democracy, but, as Sri Bhagavan Das has told

us, this is no democracy, but "mobocracy". We here are witnessing "the revolt against civilization", as foretold by Stoddard and many others.

It is in this instability that the Theosophist has a great task, a great duty—the task of being a stable point, a rock of stability, whereupon the whirling waves will shatter and quiet down. He can do this by his behaviour more than by his words and deeds, by practising the "Pantjasila" of our Lord Buddha, and thus help and co-operate in the building of a really free Indonesia.

For all this, he can look for help, for guidance and inspiration to Adyar, to Headquarters, where his President and a band of workers are doing their utmost to bring the Light of Love and Truth, those pillars of real Brotherhood, to Mankind. May the Holy Masters bless them and their work.

J. A. H. VAN LEEUWEN,
General Secretary.

BURMA

General.—The "Peace Within One Year Plan" initiated by the Government terminated on the 19th July 1950, when it was found that, except for a small portion in some far away areas, the whole country was brought under Government control. Rehabilitation measures are proceeding rapidly, but it must be said that difficulties in communication and transport still exist, though, of course, not so seriously as before.

Membership.—Owing to nationalization of the services and the generally disturbed condition of the country, many of the Indian members of our Section have left Burma for good. Their membership has been transferred to the Indian Section. It was not considered desirable to continue on the membership rolls the members whose

whereabouts could not be traced after the war. On the deletion of all these names the strength of our Section has been reduced to 66. It is, however, an encouraging sign that more Burmese members are joining the Society now than in the pre-war period. Though, on the face of it, there has been a reduction of 77 members as compared with the figures reported last year, in actual fact there has been a gain of 10 members.

Finance.—The opening balance on the 1st October, 1949, was Rs. 456-12-0 and the closing balance on the 30th September, 1950, Rs. 363-5-0. As the activities of the Section mainly centre on the Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, the members of this Lodge, comprising 46 in all, have had to contribute liberally towards the work of the Section.

Lodges: Olcott Lodge, Rangoon.—The Theosophical approach to various problems of life was dealt with in a public lecture on the first Sunday of every month, while on other Sunday mornings regular study groups were held for the study of Theosophical books, led by Br. H. M. Shroff. There was also a weekly study group on *Talks on At the Feet of the Master*, led by Bro. C. R. N. Swamy. All the Theosophical anniversaries were observed as in previous years. The Burma Broadcasting Studio was also kind enough to allow a talk to be broadcast on the 1st October, 1949, on "Dr. Besant—The Herald of a New Humanity," by Khin Khin Thoun.

The Youth Lodge, Rangoon, has been doing splendid work as usual, aiming at bringing members closer together by knowing each other better. **The Lotus Lodge, Mandalay**, reports activity, especially for vegetarianism. Weekly meetings were regularly held for the study of Theosophical books, and occasional outings formed a special feature during the year. The remaining Lodges are still dormant.

Asoka's Edicts.—At the request of the President, U Po Lat has translated into Burmese "The Edicts of Asoka". The book was sent by the President for translation and publication at his expense as an act of Dhāna. At the Executive Meeting of the Section held on the 10th September, 1950, it was resolved that 2,000 copies of the book be printed, partly for free distribution and partly for sale at a nominal price, the net cost of such printing and distribution being borne half by the President and half by the Section, which will raise donations from Lodges and members in Burma to pay its share of the cost.

Book Depot.—The Book Depot in Rangoon was able to obtain a consignment of Theosophical books from Adyar worth about Rs. 2000/- and most

of them were sold out soon after arrival. A fresh consignment is soon expected.

Library.—A number of missing volumes of the Theosophical section of the Olcott Lodge Library were replaced during the year. The reading room continued to receive many Section Journals free.

Presentation of Books.—On the 28th July 1950, Theosophical books and pamphlets numbering 196 in all were presented to the Rangoon University Library. The books were displayed in the Council Chamber of the University in advance, and presented in the Convocation Hall with a little ceremony, presided over by the Administrator of the University.

Burma Humanitarian League.—The Government was gracious enough to close slaughterhouses throughout Burma during the Independence Day celebrations; on the World Day for Animals; and at the beginning and the end of the Buddhist Lent, on representations made by the League and other organizations. A vigorous campaign for vegetarianism was launched during the year and several hundreds of pledges for abstinence from meat, especially during the Buddhist Lent, were received. Success was also reported in the League's efforts at stopping animal sacrifices in some Hindu Temples in Rangoon.

The Burma Educational Trust.—The B. E. T. Co-Educational School was raised to a full High School during the year and the first batch of students were presented for the Matriculation and School Leaving Certificate Examinations. Since the commencement of the new year, however, the High and the Middle Departments were transferred to the I. E. S. Central School, and the B. E. T. Co-Educational School has once again become a compact Primary School which is within the means of the Trust to manage well. It is proposed to stress

more the infant and nursery departments during the coming years, as there is a great need for this in Rangoon.

Conventions.—Two Conventions were held during the year, one being the Section Convention on the 30th October 1949, and another in support of

the International Convention on the 24th December 1949. A full day's programme was arranged and the members spent the whole day together on each occasion.

U PO LAT,

General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

We continued our activities this year in the usual manner in the different Lodges of the towns of Vienna, Graz, Bruck and Linz, though some clouds had arisen from the political sphere of our country in her precarious situation. Of course, these things influenced also the financial condition of our members and of our Section. Everybody here has less time, less money at his disposal and has many things to do for physical existence.

Statistics.—This year the Section gained 36 new members but lost 33, so that we had an increase of three. Still, fifteen Lodges are always active: 7 in Vienna, 6 in Graz, 1 in Bruck am Mur and 1 in Linz.

Since October, 1949, till the end of June, 1950, our Vienna Federation of Lodges delivered public lectures once a week and the Styrian Federation once a fortnight. Besides, on nearly every day of the week one of the Lodges in Vienna worked, so that the interested people got many opportunities of obtaining Theosophical information of different kinds.

In the course of the year the General Secretary and his wife, Mrs. Helene Schleifer, the organizer for Youth Groups, visited the Lodges in Graz, Linz and Bruck, giving lectures both to the public and to private meet-

ings. Dr. Lauppert visited Vienna and Linz and Ing. L. Goebel from Bruck visited Vienna and lectured there.

Something of our Opponents.—In April the Provincial of Austrian Jesuits, G. Bichlmair, preached from a Church pulpit on ten evenings against our "heretical" movement and our World Organization, calling his series of talks "Die Begegnung des Christentums mit dem Neu-Gnostizismus." The ten lectures, printed since that time as a book, were sent to our President by the General Secretary.

In a special public symposium in April we replied under the title, "Die Verteidigung hat das Wort." We were aware that some observers were present in our hall, writing down our explanations.

Perhaps as a result of our attitude, the General Secretary was invited for three evenings by the Vienna Discussion Club to explain the Theosophical message for the West.

This year we are to deliver public lectures twice a month in the hall of the "Natur-Heilverein" where we are reaching more people, thanks to the more central location of that hall.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,

General Secretary.

NORWAY

This year has been marked by great activity, beginning with the Convention last year, after which we had visits from a number of lecturers. The first of these were Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, who spent about a week with us in Oslo. Mrs. Josephine Ransom gave a public lecture on "H. P. Blavatsky as Teacher and Occultist", and both gave several lectures to the members on various topics. After the week in Oslo they went to Stavanger, where they gave a public lecture and talks to the members. Their work was much appreciated.

Shortly afterwards we were visited by Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, now residing at Adyar. He gave a public lecture on Reincarnation, and several talks to the members. Then he went to Bergen where he talked to a small group of members and interested non-members. There is no Lodge in Bergen at present. From there he went to Trondheim where he gave a public lecture, the first in this town since the war. Mr. van Ginkel made many friends and we are grateful for his work.

In November we were visited by that great friend of Norway, Mr. Otto Viking, of Denmark. We had a Theosophical week, with public lectures and members meetings and, as always, he brought inspiration and spiritual knowledge.

In April Mr. Viking returned on his way from Stockholm on a lecture tour to Sweden and Norway. He gave a public lecture on Karma.

In May we were visited by Mrs. Signe Montell-Fjellander, invited by the Adyar Lodge of Oslo, who gave a public lecture.

In August we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Poortman, from Holland. He talked about the Centre at Huizen.

Afterwards they went to Bergen and Stavanger.

The work of our Lodges has been satisfactory and they have held regular meetings.

A most important item this year is the energetic work in connection with the new location of our Section Headquarters in a building now under construction in the central part of Oslo. Here we shall have a lecture hall for public lectures, a room for members' meetings and at last a place for our library and the books of our small publishing company, Norsk Teosofisk Forlag. We had hoped to hold our jubilee meeting there on November 17th, but, alas, it was not possible. Now we hope to be there in the last part of January next year and have the Adyar Day meeting there on February 17th. Mr. Erling Havrevold carries the rather large financial responsibility and all of our small resources are tapped. But we feel quite sure that this event will initiate a new phase, a new epoch in the history of the Norwegian Section. On the same floor there will be opened a new vegetarian restaurant. We feel quite sure that this restaurant will be frequented by the many young people who are now so intensely interested in all questions relating to a vegetarian diet. These people we shall then try to put in touch with our work.

This year we have 140 members, an increase of six.

The paper *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift* has had six issues, as usual, and has been financially supported by Messrs. Erling Havrevold and Trygve Bauer Nilsen.

ERNEST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

No Report

DENMARK

In Denmark there are Lodge rooms in three places, namely in Copenhagen, Aarhus and Aalborg. In Copenhagen the Lodge rooms are used by four Lodges. One Lodge in Copenhagen, the Annie Besant Lodge, and a Lodge just outside Copenhagen, the Yggdrasil Lodge, have their own rooms. These rooms are expensive so that the Lodges using them have difficulty in meeting rent costs. This is much discussed at our Conventions. All the members in Copenhagen do not agree about the necessity of keeping the Lodge rooms. Some are of the opinion that every Lodge in Copenhagen should make its own arrangements. The result would be that the meetings would be held in the homes of different members. Other members are of the opinion that it is of vital importance to the Lodges in Copenhagen and to the work in the Section that there should be a place in the Capital where Theosophists can meet together. To solve the problem some members in Copenhagen are forming a proposal to be introduced at the 1951 Convention. It is proposed that all donations from all members of Lodges and from non-attached members shall be fixed at the same rate and all donations shall be paid to the Section. The Section shall then contribute to the expenses of the Lodge rooms in Copenhagen. The Section will have to pay back a part of the donations of the Lodges

outside of Copenhagen, since they have their own Lodge-room expenses to meet.

In February, 1950, the leader of the Aarhus Lodge, Mr. Aage Blichfeldt-Petersen, died. This was a great loss for the Lodge and for the Section, since he was a devoted Theosophist. Mrs. Karin Blichfeldt-Petersen was elected leader of the Aarhus Lodge.

On the 5th of May last the Section had its annual general meeting. The number of members was 344. There was a decrease during the year of unattached members from 74 to 61. It was thought that this decrease was due to the increased contribution required from them.

Mr. J. H. Moller was re-elected as General Secretary.

It was decided that on the occasion of the jubilee year the northern Sections should conduct a Scandinavian Summer School at Gammel Prestegaard. This Summer School was held from July 24th until August 3rd, and was very successful. About eighty persons from seven countries, including three members from the German Section, attended the gathering. Mrs. Ransom, assisted by Mr. Ransom, led the Summer School. The School was very harmonious and gave much spiritual inspiration to the members.

J. H. MÖLLER,

General Secretary.

ERNEST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

The past year, since the Annual Convention held at Headquarters, 14, South Frederick Street, Dublin, on Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th June, 1949, has been one of steady, sustained interest and conscientious activity.

In spite of, or because of, the separation of the Irish Section from the Lodges in Northern Ireland, which have become a Presidential Agency, the Irish Section has flourished, although not gaining much in membership.

Attendances at the meetings have been very regular and the members have been enthusiastic in their response to the study of the Ancient Wisdom. At the Annual Convention last year in June we had the privilege of having Mrs. Lavender Berry to preside and to speak to the members at an informal gathering, on "Krishnamurti and his latest Teachings."

Mrs. Berry also delivered the Convention Public Lecture, the subject being "The World's Transition". During the Autumn Session of 1949, Dr. Hugh Shearman visited the Dublin Lodges and addressed both the members and the public. He also journeyed to Cork and gave interesting addresses to the members there, who much appreciated his visit. The Cork and County Lodge has sustained a sad loss in the passing of one of their oldest members—Mr. Hayhurst—a devoted and earnest student. Sir Orme Rowan-Hamilton, who gave a very fine interpretation of "The Mysticism of Fiona MacLeod" at a meeting of the Dublin Lodge, passed away in November, 1949, after a brief illness. His presence is greatly missed from our ranks; his unfailing good humour and ever ready response to service were a source of stimulation and inspiration to all the members.

It was enlightening to hear impressions of the Paris Congress, held in July 1949, from Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge

who was fortunate in being present and acted as a Delegate to the Congress. United Nations' Day was commemorated on October 24, 1949, as requested by the President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa.

The Annual General Meeting was held on January 23, 1950, at which a general reconstruction of the Dublin, Hermes and Irish Lodges took place—Dublin Lodge taking up the study of Straight Theosophy—Hermes Lodge, Spiritual Healing, also the cult of Beauty—Irish Lodge, the study of the ancient Celtic Tradition and Indian Philosophy.

Many interesting and varied discourses were given by the members, among them, a series of lectures by Mr. P. L. Pielou on "God and Man and His Field of Evolution", also several addresses on "The different aspects of Spiritual Healing" by Mrs. Anna B. Lamb. Other members who contributed to the programmes of the Lodges during the year were Mrs. Violet Gregg, Mrs. E. Hornidge, Mrs. Alice Law, Dr. Carl Peterson, and Mr. Art O'Murnaghan.

The Christmas Gift Table and Sale realized the sum of £30 which was handed to the Treasurers of the Lodges to help to cover expenses.

For the A.B.C. Fund, for the upkeep of Adyar Headquarters, the sum of £13 was collected and forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. C. D. Shores.

In April, we were exceedingly happy to welcome Mrs. Josephine Ransom, who spent a week in Dublin, sharing with us her deep wisdom and occult knowledge; meetings were held at Headquarters and at Glenvar, the home of Mrs. E. Hornidge. A memorable study week was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

From Liverpool, came Miss Caroline Davey, President of the N. W. Federation of the English Section. Her visit was much appreciated.

The 'high light' of the year, however, was the visit of Mr. Sidney Cook, Vice-President of the Society, and his wife, Mrs. Jocelyn Cook. They arrived in Dublin in time for Mr. Cook to preside at the White Lotus Day Meeting on 8th May, 1950. Mr. Cook gave various notes on the work of H.P.B. and Col. Olcott. Mrs. Cook spoke of the activities at Adyar, especially of the work of the School of the Wisdom. The Damer Hall, St. Stephen's Green, was engaged for Mr. Cook's lecture on "The Ideal in Practical Life."

The usual study groups and members' meetings were held regularly

throughout the year; Headquarters was open four afternoons weekly from 3 to 4 p.m. for the exchange of library books and for enquirers.

May I take this opportunity of thanking my colleagues one and all most heartily for their generous and unstinted co-operation and help, and for sharing with me so wholeheartedly the responsibilities and activities of the Irish Section.

The total membership is 40 in four Lodges.

Alice Law,

General Secretary.

MEXICO

The rhythm applied to the life of the Mexican Section, of which I spoke in last year's report, has been steadily maintained. At the Capital City (Headquarters), the usual course of weekly public lectures and open Lodge meetings was regularly carried on, freely advertised in various leading papers by one of our members belonging to a press syndicate.

Great impulse was given to printed propaganda. Our Sectional Bulletin was regularly issued and distributed to our members and to almost all Spanish-speaking Lodges. Five issues of the 8-page leaflet "Dharma," amounting to 28,000 copies, were freely distributed by mail to fixed addresses, containing popular instruction on Rounds, Chains and Races, as well as on the Ethics of Theosophy.

The General Secretary edited 8,000 copies of a new and thoroughly revised translation into Spanish of "At the Feet of the Master", and Bro. Manuel Lopéz Andrés, of San Luis Potosí, is engaged in the translation into Spanish of "Talks on the Path of Occultism", having already edited 2,000 copies of the first part of that tripartite suite, a

520-page book which has been received with warm appreciation in several countries in this Continent. Señor A. Cardenas Chavero edited 2,000 copies of the revised translation of Dr. van der Leeuw's book "The Conquest of Illusion," as well as 2,000 copies of Miss E. W. Preston's book, "The Story of Creation," a fine translation made by Señor F. Iborra Muñoz, Presidential Agent in Ecuador.

Our annual Convention took place at Guadalajara, State of Jalisco, during the last three days of 1949. Out of our 25 Lodges, 19 were then represented, some by their Presidents, some by the Secretaries or other active members. Four public lectures were then delivered by noted orators at the State Museum, and we all enjoyed a day at the beautiful Chapala Lake, and a merry New Year supper.

Three new Lodges were born: the Youth Lodge *Cuauhtemoc*, at San Luis Potosí; *Fiat-Lux*, at Pachuca, in the State of Hidalgo, and *Liberación*, in the city of Mexico. The work of our Lodges in the interior, according to reports received from them, was efficient as regards the

study of Theosophical literature and the continuity of meetings. Several of them exchange friendly letters with Lodges and people in other countries.

Aura Lodge undertakes the translation and edition of Bellamy's book "Igualdad" for which funds are being collected. A member of the *Apolonio de Tyana* Lodge at Veracruz, Mrs. Fidela F. de Marañon is wholeheartedly giving her services to the work of erecting and decorating a new room for the Lodge. She has conducted the "Golden Chain" all through the year.

La Voz Del Silencio Lodge, at Monterrey, has been very busy with notes to other Lodges and propaganda with printed leaflets. The first place in new admissions and public festivals during the year belongs to *Claridad* Lodge at Nueva Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, under Mrs. Maria del Refugio C. de Felix.

Adyar and White Lotus Days, as well as Foundation Day, were commemorated by almost all our Lodges.

At the beginning of March, the General Secretary visited Tapachula,

State of Chiapas, in the southern border of this country, delivering three public lectures at the Government Secondary School. A new Centre, *Adyar*, was then born, its life being very active.

On the 20th April, 1950, we signed the new deed transforming our Theosophical Cooperative Society into a Civil Association, a legal formula in which no lucre or personal covetousness are possible. So, the ownership of our Headquarters building at Mexico City is now safely protected.

The number of our active members is 417, our active Lodges being 24. During the year three Lodges have ceased to exist, owing to inaction or dissolution. The *Loto Blanco* local Lodge was dissolved by its members who continue to meet and study privately.

The prospects for the future of the Theosophical work in Mexico look very bright.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

The Theosophical situation remains much the same as last year. Our Membership stands at 372, a decrease of four despite having 27 new members and 17 reinstated; this increase was off-set by 13 deaths, 2 left on demit and 34 inactive, but more than half of these inactive ones will, it is hoped, put themselves in good standing very soon.

The General Executive and myself are again in office, having been elected by acclamation for another year.

Mr. G. I. Kinman, a member of the Executive and President of the Toronto Lodge, is making a tour of our central and western Lodges, and I have very good reports from the places he has so far visited. The Lodges out west

are so very far away that it is seldom that any of us get the opportunity of visiting them.

We were delighted to welcome the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, to Canada. He visited Montreal and Toronto and spoke twice in each place and made a very good impression. The General Executive entertained both him and Mrs. Cook to a dinner and tea at the Guild of All Arts, a beauty spot twelve miles from Toronto where I am domiciled, and it proved to be a very pleasant and fruitful function. Our magazine *The Canadian Theosophist* is in a flourishing condition and is very highly thought of. The editor is preparing a special issue

for November to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Society.

Our London Lodge has been dissolved there being but one member left, but there are many persons interested in Theosophy in that city and the prospects are that it may be resuscitated in the near future. Hamilton Lodge has become quite an active centre, what with new members and old ones reinstated, and I am heartened by the situation there. Toronto Lodge is, as usual, the focal point and driving

force of the Section and maintains a full and ambitious programme; it has the advantage of a large membership from which it draws many keen, conscientious and hard-working devotees. Looking at the situation generally I feel that Theosophy in Canada has a very fertile field and the prospect of a great future; at present it is quiescent but may suddenly bud and blossom like the proverbial fruit tree.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

No Report

CHILE

The General Secretary, Sr. Juan Armengolli, resigned in June 1949, and was succeeded by Sra. Teresa de Riso. Since that date three new Lodges, *Nirvana*, *Prometeo* and *Osiris*, have been formed in Valparaiso and there has been an increase of membership in

that city. Some Lodges are not at present very active but it is hoped that contact will be made and active work resumed very soon. The membership stands at 169.

TERESA DE RISSO,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

State of the Lodges.—As stated in our last annual report several Lodges have become dormant. To regularize the administration of the Section, the Executive declared these Lodges extinct. Owing to this a large number of members, 150, were lapsed.

It must be emphasized, however, that although this gives an impression of a decrease in the life of the Society, yet as almost all of these members belonged to dormant Lodges there never was any real activity. The cause of

this was explained in the issue of *O Teosofista*, November, 1949.

During this same period 52 members entered the Society. Lodge *Amizade* was founded during the year. The *Uniao da Juventude Teosofica Bandeirante* continues its progress. They have enthusiastic and animated meetings. With the youth of other South American Sections they plan to form a South American Federation of Young Theosophists.

Propaganda. This useful department which functions under the direction of the Vice-President of the Brazilian Section, Professor C. Riedel de Figueiredo, has carried out its programme efficiently.

A Federation of Theosophical Lodges in the State of Sao Paulo has been formed.

Our own Headquarters.—In accordance with the programme previously drawn up, it has been decided to acquire a property for the Federation of Lodges in the State of Sao Paulo.

Help to Adyar.—A circular was sent out to all Lodges and, through the magazine, *O Teosofista*, a special committee of young people was appointed and these immediately became active. We received a valuable contribution from the members at Rio Janeiro. We have now in hand \$8,000.00 as part of the contribution. Our members from Sao Paulo also contributed generously. There is a committee to receive contributions from different parts of the country.

National Convention.—The 7th National Convention was held in Salvador, State of Bahia, from 17 to 21 November, 1949. It was a brilliant

success. Many contributed to this result and the devotion of the members of Lodge *Alcione* who were indefatigable, helpful and self-sacrificing was a contributing factor. 90 Theosophists journeyed by air to this Convention from other States. It was an unequalled opportunity for the growth of Theosophy in our country and for the beautiful expression of Brotherhood.

In December a Convention of Presidents of Lodges of our Section was held in Sao Paulo where we dealt mostly with matters of administration.

O Teosofista.—For almost four years we have issued this magazine monthly very regularly. This would not have been possible except for the financial help of a group of devoted members.

Membership.—Membership is now 730 in 34 Lodges.

To all members who have contributed to the growth of the Theosophical Society in our country, I give my thanks. All have helped the success of our cause which is the cause of goodwill, peace and progress for all humanity.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

At the last Annual Meeting on September 24th this year I was re-elected as General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Iceland for the 14th time. It might appear that the Theosophists in Iceland are very conservative people, and perhaps they are, but the fact is that there

are not many members of the Society in Iceland who have either time or other circumstances to act as General Secretary and happily there is no rivalry amongst the members in this respect. And so I am re-elected General Secretary year after year. In connection with the Annual Meeting

I gave a public lecture on *The Belief in God and Man*, on Monday, September 25th. The hall was crowded.

The work in the Theosophical Society in Iceland is going on in much the same way as before. Last winter I conducted a study group, which for fun and also for symbolical reasons was named "The Black Rose". There we made the mystical Search for the Self our main subject of study. We met twice a month, on Wednesday evenings. The Lodges had their regular weekly meetings. Of course attendance varied, but on the whole it was good, having regard to the many things that attract people in a great town.

Perhaps the main event—and a very happy event indeed—was the visit of Mr. Sidney Ransom in November. He spent a fortnight here in Reykjavik and gave lectures on Theosophical subjects, most of them well attended. His visit was reported in the local newspapers. Mr. Ransom endeared himself very much to all of us, and we missed him when he left us.

The Order of Service was very active. It collected money as before for the work of the Society and was efficient in bringing art and beauty

into the life of the Society by making the meetings many-sided and attractive.

As before, I gave some radio-talks, many of them verging on Theosophical teachings and all in a Theosophical spirit, and we also had three propaganda evenings in the Headquarters Hall as usual.

Mr. Edwin Bolt's Summer School was held at Thingvellir last summer and was successful.

This report of mine is not intended to give the impression that all is well with us, the Icelandic Theosophists. Of course we have many difficulties to cope with, especially financial difficulties. If we had more money, we could do much more for Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, and for want of workers many things are undone or not so efficiently done as desirable. But the spiritual soil in Iceland is really good, and some of us believe that it is "good karma" and a great privilege to be allowed to work for the ideals of Theosophy. And it spurs us on.

May the impersonal Spirit of Truth reign supreme in the Theosophical Society throughout the world.

GRETAR FELLS,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

For the period from 1st September 1949 to 1st September 1950, we report as follows: These Lodges, already existing, continued their normal activities:—*Isis*, in Lisbon; *Maitreya*, in Lisbon; *Horus*, in Lisbon; *Visconde Figaniere*, in Lisbon; *Annie Besant*,

in Lisbon; *Koot Hoomi*, at Alges (Lisbon); *Alcyone*, at Matozinhos; *Krishnamurti*, at Ponte de Lima; *Pitagoras*, in Lisbon; and *Lotus Blanco*, in Lisbon.

At the beginning of the current year a new Lodge was formed, Lodge

Fraternity. Some sessions of the Lodge were held last year. At present it meets in Lisbon at the headquarters of the T. S. P., and has an average attendance of more than 14 members.

The condition of the other Lodges is more or less the same as last year and they have continued their usual activities.

Concerning the number of members in the Portuguese Section we report as follows: In September 1949, we had 218 members; during the year 20 new members joined and 8 resigned or died; therefore, on the 1st September, 1950, there were 230 members. This was an increase of 12 members.

This year we celebrated as usual the great Theosophical festivals, Founders' Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, etc.

There were new elections for the chief offices and Dr. Delio Nobre

Santos was re-elected General Secretary, and Mme. Jeanne Sylvie Lefevre, General Vice-Secretary. Some new members, Young Theosophists, came into the Directive Council as secretaries, and other old Theosophical workers were elected to offices which they had previously held.

We regret that the Theosophical Society in Portugal was not represented in international and European Theosophical activities on account of unfavourable circumstances.

Concerning the financial situation, the life of the Society goes on, with difficulties it is true, but it has been possible to maintain a financial balance in the accounts.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

Membership.—During the year 11 new members have been enrolled and 5 have been transferred from England. 2 have resigned, 11 have lapsed, 4 died and one was transferred to England. Our membership is now 162, a loss of 2 as compared with last year. I have contacted personally the majority of our members, some in remote areas.

Lodges and Centres.—*Cardiff* and *Colwyn Bay* Lodges continue to do good work—with regular members' and public meetings. *Wrexham* Lodge holds regular members' meetings. *Carmarthen* Centre is alive and active, and holds regular meetings twice a month. A public lecture was given by Mr. Peter Freeman, M. P., in October. *Newport* Lodge which has been dormant for years is now in process of revival. Two public meetings, (addressed by Mr. Sidney Cook and Mr. Ransom), were held here in the sum-

mer and there was an excellent attendance of people who seemed thoroughly interested. The bookstall was well patronized. The *Bangor* Lodge, North Wales, which lost its Charter and all its belongings in a fire about 10 years ago, is also in process of revival, following the encouragement given to members by the British Isles and Ireland Summer School held there in August, during which a talk by Mr. W. Aspden was broadcast from the Bangor B.B.C. Station. A public lecture by Mrs. A. Gardner was arranged during the second week of the School at which there was an encouraging attendance of the public, including some F.T.S. who had discontinued their membership of the Society. Dr. Shearman of Belfast addressed (by request) a meeting of the Bangor Rotary Club while the School was in session.

Results at *Penarth* are disappointing and this Lodge has again become

dormant. *Swansea* Lodge has not yet been able to renew activities but the members there are keen and in touch with Headquarters.

Our 28th Annual Convention held in October 1949, with Mrs. Ransom as our Guest of Honour, was full of life and it was a representative gathering. The keynote was, "Open the doors of Being to the Light from within."

In May 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cook visited Cardiff, Newport and Colwyn Bay. Other distinguished lecturers were Mr. Sidney Ransom, Mrs. Lavender Berry, Mrs. Betsan Coats, Rev. F. E. Pearce, Rev. Tyssul Davies and Mr. E. Gall. We wish to express our appreciation of the great help received from these and from others in the South-Western and North-Western Federations of the T. S. in England.

British Isles and Ireland Regional Committee.—I have attended several meetings of this Committee. The business was mainly in connection with the Summer School held in Bangor, North Wales, August 12-26. 230 F. T. S. registered and, in spite of cancellations, 158 were in residence at the hostel during both weeks. The large majority were there for the 2 weeks. Other F. T. S. staying or living in the area also visited the School, which was an outstanding success.

Young Theosophists.—Our group of Young Theosophists is steadily growing and is most helpful to the work in Cardiff, Newport and Carmarthen.

Headquarters Library.—During the year we received a valuable gift of T. S. Books from an old F. T. S., now resigned, which will enable us

to give books on Theosophy to Public Libraries. The Cardiff City Library and the Carmarthenshire County Library have already accepted a number of volumes. We want to develop this side of our work, viz., to send books on Theosophy to Public Libraries. Miss Alice Banks continues to serve as Librarian in spite of poor health.

Headquarters and Finance.—The Section has been greatly helped by the legacy which came from the Winter Bequest. This has enabled us to put on one side the money necessary for repayments of loan and interest to the Insurance Society until the policy matures 4 years hence. This has released some funds for propaganda. We are still unable to have paid clerical assistance, and as our members who are able to type are employed throughout the day, I am somewhat handicapped by lack of clerical assistance. The new National Treasurer appointed in July 1949, Miss G. Craven, has, however, relieved me of much work in connection with finance. Miss Vera Richards, a Young Theosophist who is Secretary to the National Council and to the Welsh Theosophical Trust Ltd., also gives me a great deal of help. We have been able to spend some money on much-needed painting and repairs to our Headquarters Building.

Jubilee Convention, Adyar.—Two members from North Wales—Mrs. Day and Miss Pointer—hope to attend this Convention.

I should like to express my warm thanks to all F. T. S. who have so readily given me their support and help.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The activities of the Uruguayan Section have been carried on through the Lodges, Groups for Study, the Library and public lectures. There are five active Lodges and two study groups. The total membership is 70.

As in past years the work of the Lodges has been carried on in two parallel lines: first, the study of Theosophical teachings by members and visitors, and second, the relating of these teachings to world problems. In this way the teachings awaken more interest.

In connection with the visit of Dr. E. Alfonso four public meetings were organized in the Ateneo, with a very

good attendance. Sra. de La Gama also gave a public lecture which was very successful.

The Library acquired valuable books and a large number of books were borrowed. Two numbers of the Bulletin were published with 1,000 copies in each edition.

Our work was deep rather than extensive. We try to keep the Theosophical Society on a high plane of public respect. We feel that it is very important that the students should feel, if they do not yet understand, that Theosophy has a body of teachings concerning life of such profound wisdom that not to study it is to refuse to act as an intelligent investigator.

LUIS SARTHOU,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

Our work this year has been still more satisfactory than last year. In our Lodges in Rio-Piedras and San Juan enthusiasm increases all the time.

Our ex-General Secretary, Augusto J. Plard, is giving lectures every Sunday based on a wonderful course called *Theosophia*, written by Mr. Marcel Bohrer, from France, which he has translated into Spanish. It has proved to be of great interest to the members and visitors.

Besides efforts to make our studies attractive, there is a desire to co-operate among the members, which, together with our environment, makes our gatherings very fraternal.

We celebrated our Silver Jubilee this year on the same day that we held our Annual Convention, April 8, 1950. We own a nice building where we have our Headquarters, and some of the Lodges meet there. To celebrate the Silver Jubilee, the leader

of the Order of Service, Mrs. Angela A. de Diaz, paid for painting the inside of the building. Others collected for the painting of the furniture. The General Secretary made the Society a gift of a beautiful oil painting. It was copied and enlarged by Mr. Franco, a very fine painter from Puerto Rico, from the picture *From the One to the Many* drawn by Mr. James S. Perkins, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America, in *The American Theosophist* of November 1949.

The first part of our programme in the Annual Convention and Silver Jubilee was a lovely concert. Some of the members delighted us with thirty minutes of classical music played by two violins and two 'cellos. After the greetings of the General Secretary to the Lodges, and from the presidents of the Lodges to all the members, Mr. A. J. Plard read the

history of the Section for the last twenty-five years, which was very interesting. Reports by the secretaries of all the Lodges were read and plans were discussed for next year.

At noon, a vegetarian lunch was served and we had the opportunity of spending a little time with our guests. At two o'clock we opened the afternoon session, continuing our programme until late in the afternoon when all the members left for their homes with the sweet remembrances of a perfect day, leaving in our hearts their love and friendliness.

Our Library is now in the hands of Miss Estebania Nadal, a professional librarian working for the Armed Forces. I hope we shall have donations from the members to increase the number of books, now that they can be better looked after.

Heraldo, the Section Magazine, though still in mimeograph travels a good deal, as we send it free of charge to all Spanish countries and to all General Secretaries, and it seems very well liked.

We are trying to recommence our broadcasts on the radio and the lectures at the Insular Penitentiary. Both these activities had been discontinued lately.

It is difficult for us to get lecturers, as it would be very expensive to bring them from Spanish-speaking countries or from the U.S.A. I am sure we could do much better if we had the opportunity that other countries have to have speakers touring their Lodges. That helps a great deal.

On September 30, 1950, we had 86 members—an increase of 5.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

CEYLON

In the year from 1st October, 1949, to 30th September, 1950, our meetings were held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Mr. and Mrs. Kadir-gamar have been our kind hosts.

Our Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Thiedeman, feeling that more effort should be made to make Theosophy known to a wider circle, made it possible to have advertisements of our Friday meetings appear regularly in the Monday issue

of our most popular newspaper in the week of the meeting. The results have proved this method of publicity to be effective and we hope that some of the new people in our audiences will become deeply interested.

We have had only a few lecturers from other Sections, and we are grateful to those for their work with us. Bishop H. H. Banks, of New Zealand, gave us a very interesting lecture

on "Shakespeare and Shakespeare's Dramas." The lecture was first given to University students in their hall, then to the senior classes of Musaeus College, and then to our members. Bishop Banks also gave an interesting talk on reincarnation, and gave freely of his time for private interviews with the members. All these meetings were attended by Miss Doris Clarke, of Australia, whom we were also happy to have with us. Mr. C. R. Groves, of England, paid us a hurried visit, but had time for a members' meeting before proceeding to Adyar to his duties as Director of Studies for The School of the Wisdom. We have his promise of a return visit of longer duration at some future time. In August, Mr. John B. S. Coats, of England, visited us. He talked to the members about his tour of many Sections of the Society in which he found

that everywhere the spirit of real brotherhood permeated the work. A very short public lecture on *The Oneness of the World* was well received. Mr. J. Zahara, of Australia, visited us briefly and addressed the members. He had much of interest to tell us as a result of 40 years of membership in the Society. Our Presidential Agent, Mr. N. K. Choksy, has given a number of lectures based on the book *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, and since March he has spoken at our meetings on *The K. H. Letters to C. W. Leadbeater*.

We celebrated Dr. Annie Besant's birthday on 1st October, our speakers being Dr. Kewal Motwani, Prof. K. P. Mukerjee, and Mr. N. K. Choksy.

Our membership at the end of the year is 56.

N. K. CHOKSY,
Presidential Agent.

GREECE

This year the number of our members has increased to 260. 28 new members have been admitted and 18 old members have left.

All the Lodges carried on their work with great zeal, each gathering once a week or twice a month.

Lodge *Plato* under the direction of our beloved brother T. Vratsanos has studied the book of our President Mr. Jinarājadāsa, *First Principles of Theosophy*. Lodge *Orpheus* has continued the study of ancient Greek Theosophy. Lodge *Light* has continued the study of Mr. J. Krishnamurti's talks. Lodge *Nirvana* has continued the study of the second part of the *Key to Theosophy*. Lodge *Besant* has been occupied all the year with the comparative study of Theosophical and scientific subjects. In Lodge *Socrates* interesting lectures have taken place about

psychological and Theosophical matters. In Salonica, also, Lodge *Pythagoras* has continued the study of several Theosophical subjects.

Discussions between members have always followed in a spirit of absolute freedom of thought and mutual brotherly respect.

We have continued this year with great success the special gatherings once a month of all the Lodges at "Theosophical Evenings". Subjects of general Theosophical interest were developed successively by the Presidents of all the Lodges.

Our periodical journal *Theosophicon Deltion* (Theosophical Bulletin) was published quarterly. Greek Theosophical literature was enriched this year by the publication of a most successful translation of the *Bhagavad Gita* by our brother T. Vratsanos.

Adyar Day, Founders' Day and White Lotus Day were commemorated, as every year, with the enthusiastic participation of most of our members in Athens.

During the summer the meetings of the Lodges were suspended for a period of three months. Nevertheless friendly

meetings of the members took place once a week.

We hope that this year too, we shall continue our work in a spirit of ever increasing mutual comprehension and brotherly love.

KIMON PRINARIS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

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PARAGUAY

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PHILIPPINES

With the Annual Convention held in February the Philippine Section began its 1950 activities by re-electing its three principal officers, despite the appeal made by the National President to give other members the opportunity of leading the Section. In this Convention the members decided to raise the annual membership dues to double that of previous years in order to meet the financial obligations of the Section.

The Lodges did more active and concentrated work not only in the study of Theosophy but also in its practical applications, and almost all of them gained in membership during the year, while a new provincial Lodge was organized and chartered. We now have 12 active Lodges with a total

membership of 289, an increase of 31 members over last year.

The Philippine Theosophical Institute gave a series of lectures on Yoga wherein the lecturers, while speaking of the several types as aiming generally at individual perfection, emphasized that man's individual salvation can be better achieved through his working for the salvation of all. A 50-page mimeographed syllabus entitled *Yoga and the Basic Psycho-Physical Types* was prepared by Atty. Jesus P. Morfe, who was the last lecturer in the series.

Plans are being made to transfer the Grade School run by the Institute to a new corporation separate and distinct from the National Society. The

present Board of Trustees has met many difficulties in its efforts to maintain a model school, hence this new plan to transfer its administration.

During the year our Section was fortunate to receive passing visits from members from abroad, mostly from the American Section, on their way to Adyar. With six American lady-

members, our latest visitors were our International Vice-President and Mrs. Sidney A. Cook, both of whom gave very instructive and helpful talks to our members during their two days' stay with us.

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

At the end of this year our Section consisted of 11 regularly constituted Lodges, 14 having gone out of existence.

Membership	1949 ...	253
"	1950 ...	133
Loss	...	120

The declaration of a state of siege and its consequences, and the laws by which we are ruled, have had repercussions on the free institutions, philosophical and religious. Public and private meetings are prohibited, limitations placed on freedom of thought and expression in the press, and the radio is now controlled by the National Government.

In consequence of these limitations imposed by the Authorities there is also a pressure on liberty of conscience. The Authorities impose the obligation to attend and practise the functions of the Catholic religion on pupils and teachers of the Schools and Colleges, with the threat of expulsion from such institutions on those who infringe these restrictions.

In this capital there are meeting regularly the Lodges *Arco Iris*, *H. P. Blavatsky* and *Maitreya* with previous permission of the military. In the provinces only *Ecos de Oriente* in Manizales, *Morya* in Bucaramanga, *Giordano Bruno* in Trujillo, *Nueva Ciclo* in Caracas, Venezuela, continue inform-

ing us of their Presidents. In the other cities our Brothers find themselves denied freedom of action owing to persecution on the part of a fanatical public, and they are denied the right to meet by the civil authorities.

Without doubt the interference of the Roman Catholic clergy in militant politics has produced this abnormality in the national life. To take a concrete case, the President of Lodge *Filadelfia*, in the district of Caldas, was pushed so that he broke a leg and had to remain in hospital for a year. Fortunately he is better but he has not been able to return to his home.

We have faith in the Divine laws which rule life and these abnormalities will have their end.

Another factor which weighs heavily on our organization is the economic situation, which is very precarious. Many members have had to leave the employment and occupations by which they earned their living.

In addition we cannot count on any way of publicity and propaganda in print. Even periodicals which call themselves liberal refuse to publish a simple advertisement for fear of the disapproval of the ecclesiastical authorities and its bad effect on the sale of their papers. So our work of propaganda is hard and we find ourselves limited to what we

are able to do by means of private correspondence.

With all this we are not discouraged but continue fighting for our ideas with faith and resignation, looking

towards the future which will bring peace and liberty for all peoples.

RAMON MARTINEZ,
General Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

I have much pleasure in submitting the third Annual Report of the activities of this Section, for the year ending 30th September, 1950.

The year has shown steady progress in all directions. At the end of the year under report there were 145 members on the roll compared with 129 at the end of the previous year and 100 at the end of September, 1948. The number of Lodges affiliated to the Section was the same as in previous years.

Activities : Regular weekly meetings were held by all the Lodges, at which discourses and lectures on subjects pertaining to Theosophy were read and discussed.

The Bharat Puja Vidhan Ceremony was regularly performed by the Lodges and the attendance was very encouraging throughout the year.

Besides, special meetings were held on important occasions like Vaisaki Purnima, Founders' Day, and Remembrance Day.

At Mombasa the Ashoka Chakra Movement initiated by our President at Adyar was brought to the notice of the members by Mr. P. D. Master. A meeting was specially held for the purpose and matter relating to the movement was supplied to the local Press. I am glad to say it received due publicity.

At Nairobi Lodge, Shri S. G. Amin gave most enlightening discourses on the *Essays on the Bhagavad Gita*.

Ladies' meetings which were inaugurated at the last Annual Convention

were regularly held and Theosophical books were read and discussed.

At *Krishna* Lodge, Zanzibar, the Lodge Library was kept open during the evening. Members and those interested in our literature assembled to read and discuss aspects of Theosophy, thereby increasing their Theosophical knowledge. Many library books were distributed gratis to those who had shown interest in our work.

At *Chake Chake* Lodge, Pemba, a Gita class was conducted by its energetic secretary, Shri H. I. Bhatt.

The importance of the School of the Wisdom instituted by our President at Adyar was also brought home to the members of the Lodges here, and sending one or two of the members with the necessary qualifications, as pupils of the School, is under active consideration by the Executive.

Headquarters Activities : One of the important events of the year was the holding at Nairobi, the capital of Kenya Colony and the first city in East Africa, the second East African Convention from 24th to 26th December, 1949, which was a great success. It was attended by the Commissioner for the Government of India in East Africa, Shri Apa Sahib Pant, who delivered an interesting lecture befitting the occasion. Due to his personal encouragement, the Theosophical movement has got a great impetus in East Africa. Our thanks are due to him for such a generous gesture.

The same Executive Committee was re-elected for a further period of one year.

Next Convention.—The Executive Committee decided to hold the East African Convention in April each year, instead of in December as before.

It has accepted with gratitude the kind invitation of the *Narayan Lodge*, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika Territory, to hold the next Convention at Dar-es-Salaam in April next, during the Easter holidays.

Visits.—An important event was the visit of Bro. Sri Ram to East Africa. It will be recalled that, except for a sudden unexpected brief visit by Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa to Mombasa ten years ago, he is the first person from our International Headquarters to pay an official visit to this place.

Bro. Sri Ram visited Lodges at Nairobi, Mombasa, Zanzibar, Chake Chake, and Dar-es-Salaam, and as many as fifteen lectures were delivered by him in addition to talks to members. He was entertained by the members of all the Lodges which he visited and special functions were arranged in his honour. Bro. Sri Ram was the guest of honour at the Indian Commissioner's residence at Nairobi where he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pant. He also took breakfast with the American Consul at Nairobi. He secured a place in the hearts of all whom he met. He was accompanied by our National President throughout his journey in East Africa.

The Executive Committee is grateful to the President for sparing Bro. Sri Ram for such a long time, thereby incurring inconvenience, and to Bro. Dwarkadas M. Shah, the National President, for the expenses borne by him in connection with his visit. Our thanks are also due to all those who have helped at the Headquarters and at the Lodges to make his visit a great success. Bro. Sri Ram's arrival in East Africa instilled a spirit of service to humanity among the Brethren. He initiated six new members in Zanzibar and seven in Dar-es-Salaam.

Mr. Sidney A. Cook, International Vice-President, visited the Nairobi Lodge and had a talk with the members during his short stay there on his way to America. The Brethren were very much impressed by his learned discourse. The National President and Mrs. Shah went to Nairobi specially to welcome him.

Another distinguished visitor to the Section was Sri Kaka Sahib Kalelker, an associate of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. Stakesby-Lewis, the Vice-President of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa, who came by air to meet Bro. Sri Ram at Nairobi, visited the Nairobi Lodge and initiated, at the request of the President, seven new members there. The ceremony was most auspicious and reverence was paid to the Founders and the past and present Presidents and leaders of the Society.

Sri Yoganandji visited the Nairobi Lodge on 14th June, 1950, and spoke on the Spiritual Life.

Official Visits.—During the year under review, our National President and the National Secretary paid official visits to Nairobi, Mombasa, Chake Chake, and Dar-es-Salaam. The National Secretary stayed at Chake Chake for ten days giving discourses to the Brethren and paved the ground for a new Lodge, circumstances permitting, at Wete, Pemba. The National Treasurer accompanied by Bro. H. D. Shah visited Mombasa and Nairobi *en route* to Kampala.

Publicity.—For the diffusion of the Theosophical doctrines and teachings, the Journal *Saurabh* continued to be published under the direction of Mr. P. D. Master of Mombasa, who furnished material in English. He was assisted by Bro. H. S. Patel, the President of the Mombasa Lodge, who furnished material in Gujarati. It is published from the funds collected in 1948 and is distributed gratis to all the members. Copies are posted to different societies and libraries.

The pamphlet *The Theosophical Society, Its Aims and Objects* by Mr. P. D. Master was published by the Section and was very widely distributed at all places.

Drafts of Section and Lodge Constitutions.—Drafts of Constitutions for the Section and for the Lodges have been prepared by Bro. P. D. Master and will be presented for adoption at the general meeting of the members at the next Convention.

Thanks.—The National Executive is grateful to Bro. P. D. Master for his untiring efforts in all directions and to all the Secretaries and members of the Lodges for their hearty co-operation and goodwill during the year. Our special thanks are also due to Mr. C. R. Patel of Nairobi, Mr. P. D. Master of Mom-

basa and Mr. Venishanker Dave of Dar-es-Salaam, for permission to hold Lodge meetings at their residences for so many years.

Adyar.—On behalf of the members of this Section, I take this opportunity to send our loving and loyal greetings to the President and members of the Adyar Council for their unceasing labours and their splendid services in the cause of Theosophy and for helping humanity throughout the world, especially in this part of the world where the benefit of the Light is little known. Our thanks are especially due to our energetic Recording Secretary for her help in our work.

DWARKADAS M. SHAH,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

At the end of last year we reported that only four Lodges were actively working in Pakistan, three at Karachi and one at Hyderabad (Sind). Since then the Lodge at Quetta has been revived and is working steadily, having increased its membership from three to sixteen during the year under report. Two Lodges in East Pakistan, at Comilla and Jessore, have been contacted. Of these the *Comilla* Lodge has reported that 11 members still remain in that place, but so far no annual dues have been sent here on their behalf. The Secretary of the *Parinirban* Lodge, Jessore, reports that a few members still remain, but due to continued disturbances it is not possible to ascertain the exact number, nor does he find it possible to carry on any activities at present. With the addition of Lodges at Quetta and Comilla, the number of regular Lodges now in Pakistan is six.

Membership.—Total increase of membership during the year was 54. Total number of Lodges, 6. Total membership 232.

Activities of Lodges: Karachi.—Karachi Lodge continues to be the most active Lodge of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan. It has a programme of some sort on six of the seven days of the week, and a steady attendance is maintained. It holds every week a Study Class, Members' Meeting, three Public Lectures, and gives one day to the Youth Lodge for its activities. It has an average attendance of 50 at its meetings. Many prominent citizens, officials and non-officials, take part in its programmes. It has now a fairly active group of the Theosophical Order of Service, whose members render good service to the poor, the sick, the refugees, and give co-operation to other members of the public working in these fields. It

prints every month a bulletin of its programme and *News and Notes* of the Lodge.

Jamshednagar Lodge.—This Lodge has not been able to hold separate activities during the year as its premises, which are in a private house, are at present occupied by the family of a foreign Embassy. It is likely, however, that these will be vacated very soon and then the Lodge hopes to restart its weekly activities. The members of the Lodge have meanwhile attended activities of the Karachi Lodge.

Rukmini Devi Youth Lodge.—This Lodge has been working fairly actively during the year. It has enrolled 34 new members and is trying to maintain its work steadily.

Besant Lodge, Hyderabad, Sind.—This Lodge holds its weekly meetings regularly, and other meetings as occasions arise. Its chief activity is the Sufi Class held every Sunday. The Lodge was visited during the year by Bro. U. K. Sujan and Mrs. Minwalla.

Quetta Lodge.—This Lodge has been revived during the year, with 13

new members enrolled. Its premises, which had been forcibly occupied by refugees, have now been reclaimed by the Lodge and put in order. The Lodge holds weekly meetings, sends regular reports, and shows much enthusiasm. It was visited during the year by Mrs. Minwalla, Miss Tehmina Wadia from Bombay, Bros. U. K. Sujan and M. Abdi. These visits created a very good response.

Comilla Lodge.—Although a membership of eleven has been reported by its Secretary, there is no further news from this Lodge of activities held or dues recovered. Attempts will be made during the year to visit East Pakistan and put these Lodges on an administrative basis.

A nucleus at Jessore (East Pakistan) also exists in the *Parinirban Lodge*, but since no definite membership is reported we are not in a position to include it as one of the regular organized Lodges of Pakistan.

JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI,

Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SIAM

In August of this year a new Centre was formed by three members in Ipoh Town. The total membership of Malaya is distributed in seven towns, making a loose network north and south over the peninsula. The Lodges are presenting more public lectures and the members are undertaking more forms of individual service.

Penang and Singapore Lodges had the benefit of lectures by Mrs. Jane Hogenson, of The Theosophical Society in America, as she passed through Malaya on her return to America from Adyar. Other members from Australia, England and America have given talks when passing through Singapore. Such

visits give a definite impetus to the work and will be gladly welcomed in the future.

The Presidential Agent and the Secretary made one tour and several visits to Lodges, to the Centre and to unattached members and found everywhere an interest in the study of Theosophy. In Kuala Lumpur large and interested audiences gathered. This Lodge obtained its own Lodge rooms this year.

Singapore Lodge reports continued interest in humanitarian activities, animal welfare work and cultural work. Also as an extension of the Inter-Religions work a Buddhist Federation

was formed. This followed the lines of a federation formed by the Penang members and friends the previous year. The purpose is to link together many of the Buddhist temples and worshippers throughout the city and to celebrate together the great Festivals. In Singapore over a thousand persons gathered together on Waisak this year to pay homage to the Lord Buddha. This Lodge also arranges a monthly lecture-supper meeting, where vegetarian food (Chinese, Indian, or European) is served at the conclusion of an address by either a member or a public speaker.

The free-discussion method has proved to be popular among both the members and the public. It is the understanding of his individual Theosophy which is called forth from each participant. A lively and happy at-

mosphere is maintained despite the great divergencies of race, creed and caste outlook. These meetings showed that there is growing a realization of individual responsibility for progress in human affairs.

Largely through the generosity of a few donors the monthly *News* was circulated throughout the year to over 200 members and interested persons.

With three Lodges of earnest members working in the area, the progress of the Society in Malaya should continue and its service to the many communities there should steadily increase, while the integrity of purpose and impartiality of the members will ensure their usefulness in cultural and humanitarian work in the towns they desire to serve.

HILDA B. MOORHEAD,
Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland has had a year of quiet progress. A new Lodge has been started at Bangor, County Down, a town of 20,000 people twelve miles from Belfast. Two Lodges which had existed for many years only on paper, and had for all practical purposes formed part of Belfast Lodge, were formally dissolved and the members transferred to Belfast Lodge which adopted a new constitution replacing that of the old "Combined Belfast Lodges." There has been slight increase in membership in the whole province, so that at the close of our first year as a separate administration in April, 1950, we had achieved a 25% increase in membership. At 30th September, 1950, there are 3 Lodges and 79 members as compared with 4 Lodges and 67 members last year. A scattered population and the absence

of large towns make it hard to found or maintain Lodges outside the city of Belfast.

Apart from holiday seasons, 22 meetings of the Society have been held regularly each month in the province, as follows: 2 meetings a month in Bangor and 2 in Coleraine; and in Belfast each week at headquarters a public lecture, a public study and discussion meeting, a members' study meeting and a members' meditation meeting, and 2 members' meetings each month in another part of the city for study of *The Secret Doctrine*. A variety of other meetings has also been held from time to time. With our small and scattered membership and our isolation from touring lecturers by distance and expense, this programme of work has for the present been sufficient for our resources. The members' meetings are relatively well

attended and, while very much in earnest, are cheerful and lively. Many of our members are also active in other movements, including most of those movements historically originated by Theosophists and having an occult character. A new development among Theosophical Society members in Belfast has been the formation of a group of members of St. Michael's Centre.

Our work has been greatly helped by several visitors, including our Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, and Mrs. Cook; Mrs. John Coats; Mr.

Herman Herzog; and Mr. Edward Gall, General Secretary of Scotland, who was the guest of honour at a useful and constructive Convention in June, 1950. There have been many exchanges of lecturing visits across the frontier with the Republic of Ireland.

During the summer of 1950 further repairs and improvements have been carried out at the headquarters building in Belfast.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Presidential Agent.

ECUADOR

This Presidential Agency was formed in April 1950.

At that time there were three members of the Society resident in the country, all in Guayaquil.

During the six months a former member of the Italian Section has transferred his membership to Ecuador. One new member, Sr. J. C. Naranjo, has joined the Society. We welcome him as the first Ecuadorian member. Both these members are resident in Quito.

A group of sympathizers meets re-

gularly at the home of the Presidential Agent in Guayaquil. The Presidential Agent has visited Quito and it is hoped that a group can be formed there.

Señor Iborra Muñoz has translated into Spanish *The Story of Creation* by E. W. Preston. This has been printed in Mexico.

The work of propaganda is being continued and it is hoped that more members will join soon.

F. IBORRA MUÑOZ,
Presidential Agent.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Canadian Federation, consisting of 7 Lodges located in Western Canada, from Victoria B. C. to Winnipeg, Manitoba, has lost a capable and devoted worker by the resignation of Mrs. Elsie S. Griffiths from the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation, as from June 30th, 1950. Mrs. Griffiths, who served in the above capacity for the past six years, endeared herself to all whom she contacted by her keen attention to duty, and her kindly and ever ready assistance in

Theosophical matters. Mr. James G. Bremner, a past President of *Hermes* Lodge, Vancouver B. C., was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and his appointment was unanimously made by the individual Lodges who sent greetings and best wishes.

The Canadian Federation is pleased to report continued progress during the past year, and while new members have not been so numerous, the work of the various Lodges has been maintained at high standards, and public lectures on

Theosophical topics are being presented regularly every Sunday by such Lodge as *Besant* Lodge, Victoria B. C. and *Hermes* Lodge, Vancouver B. C., while to the Theosophical Society in America for past co-operation and in allowing us to share Mr. Cook's services for Canadian audiences. Arrangements are being made at present to invite Mr. James S. Perkins, President of the Theosophical Society in America, to visit Pacific Coast Lodges in Victoria and Vancouver during November.

It was deeply regretted by the Federation Council that the services of Miss Ann Kerr, National Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America, could not be obtained for public lectures in Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg, but she had a large and appreciative audience when speaking in Vancouver under the auspices of *Hermes* Lodge in April.

Mr. Sidney A. Cook, International Vice-President of the Society, spoke in Winnipeg on behalf of *Wayfarers* Lodge in August, and in October will speak on behalf of *Hermes* Lodge,

Vancouver B. C. and *Lotus* Lodge, Calgary, Alberta. The Canadian Federation is under a debt of gratitude to the Theosophical Society in America for past co-operation and in allowing us to share Mr. Cook's services for Canadian audiences. Arrangements are being made at present to invite Mr. James S. Perkins, President of the Theosophical Society in America, to visit Pacific Coast Lodges in Victoria and Vancouver during November.

With an active membership throughout the Federation, and improved financial resources to assist our propaganda programme, we are confident of maintaining and increasing the interest in Theosophical work and study in Western Canada.

JAMES G. BREMNER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The last annual business meeting of the Federation was held at Banaras on the 28th of December, 1949, as a part of the 74th International Convention of the Theosophical Society. Shrimathi Rukmini Devi presided over the meeting. Greetings were received from U. S. A., India, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Austria, Germany, Chile, Cuba and the European Federation of Young Theosophists.

In the absence of the General Secretary, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, the annual report written by the General Secretary was presented by the Treasurer, Miss Helen Zahara, and adopted. The Hon. Treasurer's statement of receipts and payments was also presented and adopted. The revised constitution of the Federation was approved. I am happy to state that Shrimathi Rukmini Devi was unanimously re-elected as President for a term of three years

under the new constitution. I was elected as the General Secretary and Shrimathi Seetha Neelakantan as Treasurer. An Executive Committee consisting of Miss Helen Zahara, Mr. V. Gopalan, Shrimathi Sridevi Mehta and Mr. A. S. Muslim was also formed.

It gives me pleasure to add that during the year under report the Young Theosophists of many countries have been actively carrying on Theosophical work in their own unique ways.

Shrimathi Rukmini Devi, our President, visited a number of places in North India and addressed many Youth Lodges. Her visit helped enormously in inspiring the Young Theosophists she contacted to greater activity.

The All India Federation of Young Theosophists organised a youth camp at Adyar lasting for three days from 5th to 7th May, 1950. Shrimathi Rukmini Devi gave the inaugural

address. Representatives of the various youth groups in Madras numbering more than 70 participated in the camp. The programme included discussions, social entertainments and a symposium. The camp was a great success and the All India Federation of Young Theosophists deserves our special congratulations for this.

I have also received a consolidated report from Mr. A. B. Raven, the General Secretary of the European Federation of Young Theosophists. This mentions the activities of the Young Theosophists in Finland, France, Holland, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland, Wales, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, Luxemburg, England, Austria, Norway. We are proud to note from Mr. A. B. Raven's report that leading members of the Theosophical Society like Mr. Van Dissel and Miss Pascaline Mallet have done a great deal to keep the Young Theosophists in Europe inspired. The President of the Australian Federation, Miss Shirly MacPherson,

has sent in a report of the activities of the Young Theosophists of Australia.

Young Theosophist groups are also active in Cuba, Brazil, the United States of America, Mexico and Pakistan. I would like to express my thanks to the Youth Secretaries of the various countries who have sent in their reports. I must here make special mention of the Australian Federation whose President, Miss Shirly MacPherson, has been most prompt in sending the dues from her Section and this has helped us a great deal. I hope the General Secretaries of other Sections will emulate her splendid example.

In conclusion I would like to express my grateful thanks to our revered President Shrimathi Rukmini Devi for all the encouragement and guidance given to me during my term of office as the General Secretary.

S. KRISHNARATNAM,
General Secretary.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1949-1950

I

Staff.—During the year under report I have continued as Director. Professor Kunhan Raja, M.A., D.Phil., (Oxon) Curator, was deputed by the Government of India to work in the *Anjuman-e-Iran-Shinashi* (Institute of Iranology) attached to the University of Teheran, Iran, as Professor of Sanskrit. He joined duty at Teheran in March 1950. He continues his connection with the Library as Curator and Editor of the Adyar Library Bulletin. Srimati A. Sita Devi continued as Librarian.

Special Editors.—Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri edited the *S'ālistambasūtra* embodying the results of his research in Chinese and Tibetan and completed it through the *Bulletin*. This work, now edited and issued, is a most important Mahāyānic text and is frequently mentioned in the commentaries on Buddhist works. It is a discourse by Bodhisatva Maitreya to Āyusmān S'āriputra with a detailed explanation on one of the fundamental doctrines of Buddhism namely: *Pratītyasamutpāda*.

The third volume of the *Sanṅītaratnākara* has progressed considerably and all that remains of this volume is the index. The third volume contains chapters 5 and 6 and the fourth will contain the seventh chapter only.

II

Pandit Sri V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in the preparation and printing of the *Descriptive Catalogue* of Sanskrit Manuscripts for the *Mīmāṃsā* and *Vedānta* sections. He

also edited the *Yājñikyupaniṣad-vivarāṇa* of Puruṣottamānandatīrtha, a commentary in the form of *kārikas* on the *Yājñikyupaniṣad* (also known as the *Nārāyaṇopaniṣad*). The edition is based on a single manuscript found in the Adyar Library; no other copy is known to exist elsewhere;

(2) the *Vedāntakārikāvalī* of Bucci Veṅkaṭācārya, a *prakaraṇa grantha* on the tenets of Viśiṣṭādvaita, very much on the lines of *Yatīndramatadīpikā* of S'rīnivāsa and expounding in simple language the cardinal tenets of the school of Rāmānuja, in verse form. Pandit Krishnamacharya has also furnished for the first time a lucid commentary on the same and translated the text into simple English. A statement of his work for the triennium ending 30-9-50 is printed as *Annexure 1*.

Sri H. G. Narahari continued the work for the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogue* of Sanskrit Manuscripts for the *Kāvya* section. 417 manuscripts were described during the year. Entries for 310 manuscripts were checked and revised and 128 more pages of the *Catalogue* printed, comprising the remaining four subsections. The *Nāṭaka* and *Alaṅkāra* sections which complete the volume are proceeding. He also edited the *Pādavi-dhāna* of S'aunaka, a pre-Kātyāyana Index (*anukramaṇī*) of the *R̥gveda* with an old *bhāṣya*, collating the old palm-leaf manuscript of the text and the commentary in the Library with the two other known manuscripts (containing the text only)—the one deposited in the Library of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta, and the

other at the Commonwealth Relations Office Library, London. A statement of his work for the triennium ending 30-9-50 is given under *Annexure 2*.

Pandit Sri V. Narayanaswami Sastri continued to be in charge of the section for transcription, comparison and restoration. His work mainly consisted in restoring for the Library, manuscripts in scripts unfamiliar in South India like Bengali, Maithili, Uriya, S'aradā and others into Devanagari transcripts as they required copying urgently. A tabular statement of his work for the three years ending 30-9-50 is given under *Annexure 3*.

Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma was mainly engaged in assisting Pandit Sri V. Krishnamacharya and Sri H. G. Narahari in the preparation of the *Descriptive Catalogues*. He jointly edited the *Yājñikyupaniṣadvivaraṇa* with Pandit Krishnamacharya. He further continued the work of passing the proofs of the third volume of the *Saṅgitaratnākara*. A statement of his work for the three years ending 30-9-50 is printed as *Annexure 4*.

Pandit N. Ramachandra Bhat continued to copy manuscripts for the Library, and to assist Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri in the comparison of manuscripts transcribed. He has further assisted Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar in the examination of manuscripts for the *Descriptive Catalogue* for the Dharmaśāstra section. A tabular statement of his work for the corresponding period ending 30-9-50 is found under *Annexure 5*.

III

Publications :

A. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDING WITH 30TH SEPTEMBER 1950

(a) Adyar Library Series Nos. 71 to 75 and Reprint of Nos. 9 and 10.

71. *Yājñikyupaniṣad Vivaraṇam* by *Puruṣottamānandatīrtha*—Edited by Paṇḍit V. Krishnamacharya and Paṇḍit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

72. *Edicts of Asoka* (Priyadarasin). With English Translation by G. Srinivasa Murti and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

73. *Some Aspects of Education in Ancient India* (Dewan Bahadur K. Krishnaswami Rao Endowment Lectures, University of Madras, 1949) by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Reprint of No. 9. *S'aiva Upaniṣads*. 15—with the commentary of Sri Upaniṣad Brahma Yogin—Edited by Paṇḍit A. Mahadeva Sastri.

Reprint of No. 10. *S'ākta Upaniṣads* 8—with the commentary of Sri Upaniṣad Brahma Yogin—Edited by Paṇḍit A. Mahadeva Sastri.

74. *The Philosophy of Bhedābheda*, by P. N. Srinivasachari.

75. *Vedāntakārikāvali of Bucci Venkaṭācārya*—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya with his own Commentary and English Translation.

(b) *Pamphlets* : Nos. 19 to 24.

India's Cultural Role in the World by C. Kunhan Raja (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XIII, Part 4).

Ode to India, Composed by C. Kunhan Raja on the occasion of the Proclamation of the Indian Republic on Thursday, 26th January 1950. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XIV, Part 1).

Pādavidhāna of S'aunaka with *Bhāṣya*—Edited by H. G. Narahari. (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vols. XIII and XIV).

Hindu Religion and Hindu Customs—by C. Kunhan Raja, (Reprint from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XIV, Part 1).

Introduction to Edicts of Asoka (Priyadarasin)—by K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar. (Reprint of the Introduction to Adyar Library Series No. 72)

(c) *Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol XIII, part 4 and Vol. XIV, parts 1, 2 and 3.

B. WORKS COMPLETED AND
ISSUED FROM 1-10-50 TO THE
DATE OF THE REPORT

Āryasālistambasūtra, Pratītya-samutpāda Vibhaṅga Nirdeśasūtra. and *Pratītyasamutpādagāthāsūtra.*
Edited by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

C. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH
THE BULLETIN AND
INDEPENDENTLY

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, Vol. IX—Mīmāṃsa and Advaita-Vedānta.

Saiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti.

Yoga Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar— and Edited by G. Srinivasa Murti. (Second Edition).

Caturdasalakṣaṇī of Gadādhara with three commentaries. Vol. II by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Āpastambasmṛti.—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Sanḡitaratnākara—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Siṃhabhūpāla. Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol III.

Horāsāstra—with the commentary Apūrvārthapradarsikā by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar.

Sālistambasūtra—Restored from Tibetan and Chinese Sources—by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

Sanḡitaratnākara, English Translation—Vol. II, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by H. G. Narahari, Vol. V—Poetry, Drama and Poetics.

Aristotle's Katharsis and Bharata's Sthāyibhāvas—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Language—Barrier or Bridge—by A. Sita Devi.

Ṛgvedabhasya of Skandasvāmin—
Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

D. WORKS INCLUDED IN THE
PROGRAMME

1. *Vedāntasāra* of S'rī Rāmānuja with English Translation by M. B. Varadaraja Aiyangar.

2. *Idea of Personality*—Lectures delivered under the auspices of Dr. Annie Besant Endowment of the University of Madras by P. N. Srinivasachari.

3. *Āṅgirasasmṛti*—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

4. *A Synthetic View of Vedānta*—by P. N. Srinivasachari.

E. WORKS READY FOR THE PRESS

Āśvalāyanagṛhyasūtra with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa. Vol. II. Edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayana with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Caturdasalakṣaṇī of Gadādhara with Commentaries—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Pakṣatā of Gadādhara with four commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Siddhāntalakṣaṇam of Gadādhara with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Avayava of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Sāmānyanirukti of Gadādhara with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Vyutpattivāda of Gadādhara with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Ten Major Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Edited by G. Srinivasa Murti.

IV

A Landmark in Our Manuscript Collection.—The Visvabharati, Santiniketan, has transferred part of their collection of Manuscripts, that is some 2,000 palm-leaf manuscripts in South Indian scripts, to the Adyar Library as a free gift for preservation by the Adyar Library. The Adyar Library in return has agreed to the transfer of some 290 manuscripts or their transcripts in Bengali script now in the Adyar Library to the Visvabharati. We have further agreed to publish a separate *Descriptive Catalogue* of this Collection from Santiniketan and to keep it as a separate collection named *The Visvabharati Collection*.

Installation of New Shelving.—Another important event of the Library for the year is the installation of steel shelving in the Annexe (the small building adjacent to the Library—the former Ranga Reddy Villa). Herein is now housed the section relating to the Theosophical Journals throughout the world as well as Theosophical books in languages other than English. This room is called *Theosophy throughout the World*.

Visitors, etc.—It is noteworthy that we have a record of 18,000 visitors who have been shown the Library this year. When it is understood that this work is done only with our regular staff of Attendants, it will be seen how busy our staff has been. In addition, we have taken stock and are revaluing our Library, a task which is done only once in every ten or fifteen years. We deeply regretted having to close the Library for a period of two weeks while stock-taking was in progress, towards the end of the year; for, many of our visitors come to the Library and get *darsan* of what they regard as a holy place—‘*The Temple of Sarasvati*.’ We also represent to them the reception room of the Theosophical Society Headquarters.

We were happy to present to the School of Wisdom as many Theosophical books as we could extract from our shelves. We have also gathered for the President, Theosophical and other books for presentation to needy Lodges and Sections.

V

Use of the Library.—3,804 volumes were loaned, 10,795 were consulted, 3 manuscripts sent outside on loan and 3,223 manuscripts consulted during the year. A list of manuscripts added during the year is separately printed (*Annexure 7*) A list of donors of books and manuscripts to the Library is also added as *Annexure 8*.

VI

Exchanges.—We are thankful to the various Institutions, Journals, Universities and other learned bodies all over the world that continue their exchange relationship with the Adyar Library and reciprocate our courtesy.

VII

Donations.—We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations received during the year :

1. Rs. 1000/- by Sri C. Jinarājadāsa, President, Theosophical Society ;
2. Rs. 500 from Mrs. Gasque, New York, U.S.A., through Professor D.D. Kanga.
3. Mr. Ernest Hanson joined the Adyar Library Association and subscribed Rs. 600/- as a Life-Member of the Association, this being the first Life-Membership of the kind fully paid up, through Mr. J. L. Davidge.
4. The income from the estate of Miss E.A. de la Cherois Crommelin received during the year came to Rs. 1,044-4-1 bringing the total receipts to Rs. 9,894-8-3,

VIII

It is now my pleasant duty to record my most grateful thanks to all my colleagues. I am particularly grateful to Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon) Curator, Adyar Library, Sri A. Sita Devi, Librarian, and the Honorary Editors Sri Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri, Pandit M. Durai-

swami Aiyangar, Vaidyaratna and Sri A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar for the services they continue to render to the Library. I also tender my grateful thanks to the Institutions and Governments, Indian and Overseas, which continue to send their publications to the Library.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,
Hony. Director.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS

ANNEXURE 1

PANDIT V. KRISHNAMACHARYA

	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
Descriptive Catalogue—Slips			
MSS. Examined	...	...	600 ¹
Do. prepared	...	400 ¹	250 ¹
Literary Contributions	2	8	12
Correction of proofs for books edited in Library Series	800 ¹	820 ¹	900 ¹
Manuscripts Examined	...	...	250
Press copy prepared and Compared-pages	...	...	480
Edited, wrote commentary, English translation of Vedāntakārikāvalī-pages	...	...	160

ANNEXURE 2

H. G. NARAHARI

Literary Contribution	2	1	3
Reviews to the Bulletin	1	2	2
Manuscripts described for the Descriptive Catalogue	153 ²	242 ²	417 ²
Do. revised	510 ²	310 ²	433 ²
Do. Catalogue pages printed	160 ²	112 ²	128 ²

¹ Assistance received by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

² Indicates assistance received by Sri H. G. Narahari from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

ANNEXURE 3

PANDIT V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
Granthas copied	27,235	24,508	19,880
Do. Compared	9,430	11,450	46,588
Estimates for transcription			
No. of Granthas	53,800	32,559	45,672
Loan-slips prepared	20	25	25
Proofs passed (forms)	...	..	92

ANNEXURE 4

PANDIT K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

Assisted in preparing press copy and proof correction	800 ¹	820 ¹	900 ¹
Assisted in the preparation of Descriptive Catalogue	300 ²	200 ²	900 ²
Press copy for Library Series	500 ¹	200 ¹	160 ¹
Manuscripts examined etc.	200	110	250
Saṅgītaratnākara (pages printed)	...	...	480

ANNEXURE 5

N. RAMACHANDRA BHATT

Granthas copied	19,458	30,568	24,350
Do. compared	2,02,525 ²	1,21,524 ²	1,34,560 ²
Assisted in the examination of MSS. Descriptive Catalogue			
Dharmasāstra	108 ³	24 ³	50 ³
Proofs corrected for the press for the Library Series	518 ⁴	354 ⁴	614 ⁴

ANNEXURE 6

A. N. KRISHNA AIYANGAR

No. of Manuscripts examined for the Descriptive Catalogue	108 ⁵	24 ⁵	50 ⁵
No. of Granthas compared	50,000 ⁵	42,000 ⁵	40,000 ⁵
Literary Contributions and Reviews to Bulletin	10	6	6
Correspondence	1,558	1,752	1,731

¹ Assistance rendered to Pandit V. Krishnamacharya.² Assistance rendered to Sri H. G. Narahari.³ Indicates work done with Pandit V. Narayanaswami Sastri and Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.⁴ Assistance rendered to Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.⁵ Received assistance from Sri N. R. Bhat.

ANNEXURE 7

LIST OF TRANSCRIPTS ADDED IN 1949-50

Serial No.	Title of the Works	Serial No.	Title of the Works
64962	Dārukāvanavilāsa	64980	Svātmanirūpaṇavyākhyā
64963-5	Bhagavatgītā with Gobhila's Bhāṣya		Svātmānandaparakāśikā
64966	Bhagavadgītā Bhāṣya	64981	Vivekamukura
64967	Āpastambas'ulbasūtrabhāṣya	64982	S'rutaparakāśikāvyākhyā
64968	Lāṭyāyanas'rautasūtrabhāṣya	64983	S'ārirakārthasamkṣepa
64969	Adhikaraṇādarsa	64984	Nyāyāmṛtasaugandhya
64970	Bhāṭṭasāra	64985	Prapañcasārasaṅgraha
64971	Bhāṭṭacintāmaṇi	64986	Rāmānujasucarita
64972	Nyāyapadma	64987	Gaṅgavams'ānucarita
64973	Mīmāṃsāmakaranda	64988	Bhadrācalacampū
64974	Phalasāmkaryakhaṇḍana	64989	Cintāmaṇivijaya
64975	Pakṣaṣaṭkanirūpana	64990	Divyasūriprabhāvadīpikā
64976	Arpaṇamīmāṃsā	64991	Rasatarāṅginīvyākhyā
64977	Pakṣapañcakanirūpana	64992	Vivekavijaya
64978-9	Brahmasūtratarasiddhānta-vivṛti	64993	Nānārthamañjarī
		64994	Jātakakarmapaddhativyākhyā

ANNEXURE 8

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THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT ON THE SESSION 1949-50

The conclusion of the first year is a landmark in the history of the School. Much pioneering work has been done, and thanks are due to every student, for all have participated in breaking the initial ground. Much has been learned which will be of value in future years. The time available has been shorter by about a month than will normally be the case, and more time could easily have been spent on some parts of the curriculum. This has followed the lines laid down, and the same general plan will be continued.

The number of students has remained at eighteen for most of the year.

In the two hour discussion sessions, four weeks were spent on "Cosmogogenesis"; five weeks on "Man—the Individual"; and seven weeks on "Man in Society". These discussions have occupied four mornings weekly. On the fifth morning the President has given a series of talks. Five of these were on "The Principles of our Wisdom"; five on "Racial Cultures"; and single talks on "Hereditry"; "Ruskin"; "The Vedas"; "Sanskrit Mantrams and the Misuse of the Visarga"; "The Religions of India"; and two lectures on "Plato".

In the afternoons the study, both by talks and visits of inspection, of the various Departments of Adyar proved to be a most interesting and valuable feature. To obtain in a few weeks a birds-eye view of

the work of our International Headquarters was a privilege that was greatly appreciated. The Speakers Class has met weekly with great success, and every student has contributed one or more short lectures and all have acted as Chairman in turn. After the talks they have been freely criticised and improvements suggested. Little has been done on reporting and writing for lack of time. Many less formal discussions on the Work and Organization of the Society have been held. An open lecture has been given weekly, some by Adyar residents, and some by qualified experts from outside. These have attracted audiences of an average of about 35, and have maintained a high standard.

All students have participated freely in the general life of Adyar, and have profited greatly thereby. Several students attended the Annual Convention at Banaras and took the opportunity to tour parts of Northern India. Attending the School were representatives of eight nationalities, five religions, and of a wide diversity of political opinions and cultural and racial heritage. To work in such a group, intimately and day after day, has been an outstanding experience, and one which cannot fail to be of the greatest benefit in the subsequent Theosophical life of all.

C. R. GROVES,
Director of Studies.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ...
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...
 „ PYARE LAL ...
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members; such members shall on the nomination of

the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective National Governing Council and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated) together with any others who have been nominated by

not less than half the members of the General Council, shall be those to be voted upon. Such a list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of four months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure here-

in provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of

The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases,

and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds

that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be

eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is

desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a

Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a), shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5/- and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5/- and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall, *ipso*

facto, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows:

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided)—and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY FOR 1951

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. C. JINARĀJADĀSA.

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK.

Treasurer: MR. C. D. SHORES.

Recording Secretary: MISS HELEN ZAHARA.

General Secretaries and Presidential Agents

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States ...	Mr. James S. Perkins	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England ...	Mrs. Doris Groves	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India ...	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	... Theosophical Society, Banaras City
1895	Australia ...	Mr. J. L. Davidge	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden ...	Herr Curt Berg	... Östermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Miss Emma Hunt	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3
1897	Netherlands ...	Professor J. N. van der Ley	... Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France ...	Dr. Paul Thorin	... 4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy ...	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	... 14 Piazza Gherbiana, Mondovì Breo, Prov. Cuneo
1902	Germany ...	Direktor Martin Boyken	... Rotbuchenstieg 40, (24a) Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba ...	Dr. Lorgio Vargas G.	... Calle Marcos García 3, Sancti Spiritus
1907	Hungary ...	...	...
1907	Finland ...	Miss Signe Rosvall	... Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia ...	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia * ...	Pan Miloslav Lzicka	... Praha VIII—Zastrelnici 633
1909	Southern Africa ...	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis	Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland ...	Edward Gall, Esq.	... 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland ...	Monsieur Albert Sassi	... 79 Route de Drize, Troinex, Geneva
1911	Belgium ...	Monsieur Urbain Monami	... 31 Rue Pierre Timmermans, Jette, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia ...	Mr. Soemardjo	... c/o Mr. J.A.H. van Leeuwen, Djalan Banda No. 26, Bandoeng, Java
1912	Burma ...	U Po Lat	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Herr F. Schleifer	... Bürgergasse 22, 4 Stg. 18, Vienna X
1913	Norway ...	Herr Ernst Nielsen	... Oscarsgt. 11, I, Oslo
1918	Egypt ...	...	...
1918	Denmark ...	Herr J. H. Möller	... Strandvejen 130 a, Aarhus
1919	Ireland ...	Mrs. Alice Law	... 14 South Frederick St., Dublin, Eire
1919	Mexico ...	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil	... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada ...	Lt.-Col. E.L. Thomson, D.S.O.	52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina ...	Señor José M. Olivares	... Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile ...	Sra. Teresa de Risso	... Casilla 604, Valparaiso
1920	Brazil ...	Tenente Armando Sales	... Rua Sao Bento 38, 1º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria
1921	Iceland ...	Gretar Fells	... Ingólfsstr. 22, Reykjavík

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Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1921	Spain
1921	Portugal	... Dr. Delio Nobre Santos	... Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon
1922	Wales	... Miss E. Claudia Owen	... 10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Señor Luis Sarthou	... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood	Apartado No. 3, San Juan
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	...	...
1926	Ceylon *	... N. K. Choksy, Esq., K. C.	... Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece	... Monsieur Kimon Prinaris	... 3D September Str., No. 56B III Floor, Athens
1929	Central America	... Señor Amalia de Sotela	... P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	... Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza	Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippines	... Mr. Domingo C. Argente	... 89 Havana, Sta. Ana, Manila
1937	Colombia	... Señor Ramón Martínez	Apartado No. 539, Bogotá
1947	British E. Africa	... Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah	P. O. Box 142, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan *	... Jamshed Nusserwanji, Esq.	P. O. Box 271, Karachi
1948	Malaya and Singapore *	... Mrs. Hilda B. Moorhead	... Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras
1949	Northern Ireland *	Dr. Hugh Shearman	... 18 Brookville Avenue, Belfast
1950	Ecuador *	... Señor F. Iborra Muñoz	... c/o Grace y Cia., (Ecuador) S.A. Commercial, P. O. Box 186, Guayaquil
1950	Indochina *	... M. Pham-Ngoc-Da	... Instituteur Principal, Chaudoc, South Viet-Nam
1950	State of Israel *	... Dr. I. S. Cohen	... P. O. Box 2858, Tel Aviv

Additional Members of the General Council

- SRI K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI, P. O. Box 271, Karachi, Pakistan (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 179, Lamington Cross Road, Bombay 7 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Voorteweg 40, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).
- DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. N. SRI RAM, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20, (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 49 Earls Ave., The Leas, Folkestone, England (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- N. K. CHOKSY, ESQ., K. C., Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo, Ceylon (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 18 Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, United Kingdom (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).

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MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held in the Boardroom at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Monday, 25th December, 1950 at 2.00 p.m.*

First Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the chair), Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy and Austria and for Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Additional Member.
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President, Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Greece and the Philippines.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary, Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Cuba.
Srimati Rukmini Arundale	... President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.
Mr. James S. Perkins	... General Secretary, the T.S. in United States of America.
Mrs. Doris Groves	... General Secretary, the T.S. in England.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Miss Emma Hunt	... General Secretary, the T.S. in New Zealand.
Prof. J. N. van der Ley	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Netherlands.
Mrs. J. E. Stakesby-Lewis	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Southern Africa.
Mr. Edward Gall	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Scotland.
Mons. Albert Sassi	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Switzerland.
Mons. Urbain Monami	... General Secretary, the T.S. in Belgium.
Mr. N. K. Choksy	... Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	...
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee	...
Mr. H. S. L. Polak	...
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the meetings held on 25th and 31st December, 1949, having been circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

(Note: As not all the members of the General Council would be able to be present at the second and third sessions, the President changed the order of the Agenda.)

2. *Resolution affirming non-affiliation of the Society with other movements.*—This matter was discussed at length and consideration was given as to whether the Banaras Resolution was *ultra vires* relative to the Constitution. (See separate memorandum with verbatim report.) The Recording Secretary reported that 38 members of the Council had expressed their opinion in favour of the resolution and 2 against.

Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee stated that in his opinion certain words were unhappily chosen and therefore the wording should be amended after discussion. The President appointed the following members of the Council, with power to co-opt, to serve as a Committee to consider the wording of the resolution and to report its recommendations to the next meeting of the Council:

Mr. Sidney A. Cook (Chairman)
Mrs. Doris Groves
Miss Emma Hunt
Mr. Rohit Mehta
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee
Mr. N. Sri Ram
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the Boardroom at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Saturday, 30th December, 1950 at 2.00 p.m.*

Second Session

PRESENT:

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	... President (in the chair), Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy and Austria and for Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Additional Member.
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President, Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Greece and the Philippines.

Mr. C. D. Shores	...	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Miss Helen Zahara	...	<i>Recording Secretary, Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Cuba.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Arundale	...	<i>President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in United States of America.</i>
Mrs. Doris Groves	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in England.</i>
Mr. Rohit Mehta	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in India.</i>
Miss Emma Hunt	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in New Zealand.</i>
Prof. J. N. van der Ley	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in Netherlands.</i>
Mrs. J. E. Stakesby-Lewis	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in Southern Africa.</i>
Mr. Edward Gall	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in Scotland.</i>
Mons. Albert Sassi	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in Switzerland.</i>
Mons. Urbain Monami	...	<i>General Secretary, the T.S. in Belgium.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	"
Mr. H. S. L. Polak	...	"
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	"
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee	...	"
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	...	"

3. *Revision of Rule 37 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—

The revision of Rule 37, having obtained the required majority of votes was declared adopted as follows :

"Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of the Theosophical Society.

"All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

"All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

"If by a change made in a Rule of the Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the Theosophical Society.

"If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society."

In Favour	...	42
Against	...	Nil

4. *Revision of Rule 44 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The revision of Rule 44 having obtained the required majority of votes was declared adopted as follows :

"In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows :

"(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31(c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided)—and delivery shall be made to the President or to his nominee on his behalf.

"(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

"No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

"Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

"In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

"To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary

document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society."

In Favour	...	42
Against	...	Nil

5. *Revision of Rule 27 in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—The revision of Rule 27 having obtained the required majority of votes was declared adopted as follows :

"The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period".

In Favour	...	43
Against	...	Nil

6. *Resolution of Canada concerning the Pictures.*—This Resolution was declared lost, the result of the voting being as follows :

In Favour	...	2
Against	...	37

7. *World Federation of Young Theosophists—Revision of Rule 2 (a) in the Constitution of the Theosophical Society.*—Various opinions were expressed with regard to this Resolution. Prof. J. N. van der Ley, General Secretary of the Netherlands Section, spoke against the Resolution stating that in Holland Young Theosophists were an important factor in the Section and he felt that encouragement should be given to them by allowing them to have a representative on the General Council. Mrs. Doris Groves, who moved the Resolution on behalf of the English Section, said that the Resolution was in no way intended to be a discouragement to the Young Theosophists but it had been called to attention that the present rule was unconstitutional inasmuch as one Federation or body had a representative on the Council whereas other groups such as the European Federation did not have it. Others referred to the fact that all Theosophists, young and old, were already represented on the Council through their respective General Secretaries and that double representation of some seemed inadvisable. Besides, such representation would provide a precedent for other groups in the Society to claim similar treatment.

Srimati Rukmini Devi said that she regretted this Resolution as she felt that the Young Theosophists should have direct representation on the General Council.

After further discussion the revision of Rule 2 (a) having obtained the required majority was declared adopted as follows :

"The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall ex-officio be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office ex-officio shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office."

In Favour	...	33
Against	...	8

The President advised the Council that he would nominate Srimati Rukmini Devi as an Additional Member of the General Council and circulate her name for election.

8. *Resolution affirming non-affiliation of the Society with other movements.*—The Committee appointed by the President reported to the General Council as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed by the President pursuant to the decision of the General Council of December 25, to re-word the so-called Banaras Resolution consisted of the following :

Mrs. Doris Groves
Miss Emma Hunt
Mr. Rohit Mehta
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee
Mr. N. Sri Ram
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti
Mr. Sidney A. Cook, Chairman

The Committee immediately co-opted the following additional members to provide it with legal talent and opinion :

Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla
Mr. N. K. Choksy
Mr. H. S. L. Polak

and to make the Committee still more representative :

Mr. J. N. van der Ley

making a total of eleven members.

The full Committee met at 11.15 a.m. on December 26, and after considering all suggestions offered and a full discussion agreed almost unanimously to recommend to the General Council the following amended wording of the Banaras Resolution :

The General Council of the Theosophical Society, taking into consideration the fact that a certain confusion exists among the public in certain countries, and among the *Governments and public authorities* in them, as regards the relation of the Society to other bodies with activities sometimes regarded as parallel or allied, deems it advisable to make the following declaration :

"The Theosophical Society, while co-operating with all other bodies whose aims and activities make co-operation possible, is and must remain an organization entirely independent of them, not committed to any objects save its own, and intent on developing its own work on the broadest and most inclusive lines, so as to move towards its own goal as indicated in and by the pursuit of those objects and that Divine Wisdom which in the abstract is implicit in the title The Theosophical Society.

"Since Universal Brotherhood and the Wisdom are undefined and unlimited, and since there is complete freedom for each and

every member of the Society in thought and action, the Society seeks ever to maintain its own distinctive and unique character by *remaining free and independent without affiliation with any other organization.*"

The amendment in the first paragraph consists in the substitution of the words "Governments and public authorities" for the words "Governmental authorities", and is for clarification only.

The Committee proposed no amendment of the second paragraph.

The major change occurs in the third paragraph and consists of the substitution of the clause "by remaining free and independent without affiliation with any other organization" for the clause "by remaining free of every attachment and affiliation to any other organization".

The Committee unanimously desired it to be stated in its report that in its opinion the Banaras Resolution does not in any way abridge the constitutional autonomy of the Sections and Lodges.

(Sgd.) SIDNEY A. COOK,

Chairman

(Note : Italics show changes.)

Since the report had been prepared, three further amendments had been considered in respect of its second and last lines. The Resolution was then put before the General Council in the following form :

The General Council of the Theosophical Society, taking into consideration the fact that confusion exists among the public in certain countries, and among the Governments and public authorities in them, as regards the relation of the Society to other bodies with activities sometimes regarded as parallel or allied, deems it advisable to make the following declaration :

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"Since Universal Brotherhood and the Wisdom are undefined and unlimited, and since there is complete freedom for each and every member of the Society in thought and action, the Society seeks ever to maintain its own distinctive and unique character by remaining free of affiliation or identification with any other organization."

Adopted without dissentient vote.

(Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee only abstained from voting).

The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the Boardroom at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Monday, 1st January, 1951 at 2.00 p.m.*

Third Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	...	President (in the chair), Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in Italy and Austria and for Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Additional Member.
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	...	Vice-President, Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in Greece and the Philippines.
Mr. C. D. Shores	...	Treasurer.
Miss Helen Zahara	...	Recording Secretary, Proxy for the General Secretary of the T. S. in Cuba.
Srimati Rukmini Arundale	...	President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in United States of America.
Mrs. Doris Groves	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in England.
Mr. Rohit Mehta	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in India.
Miss Emma Hunt	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in New Zealand.
Prof. J. N. van der Ley	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in Netherlands.
Mrs. J. E. Stakesby-Lewis	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in Southern Africa.
Mr. Edward Gall	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in Scotland.
Mons. Albert Sassi	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in Switzerland.
Mons. Urbain Monami	...	General Secretary, the T. S. in Belgium.
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	Additional Member.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	...	"
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	"
Mr. H. S. L. Polak	...	"
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	"
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee	...	"

Controversy in French National Society.—The President reported that the matter of the disposal of the estate of Madame North-Siegfried of Strasbourg had been brought to the General Council by Mr. M. Bohrer through the

General Secretary of France. In presenting the matter the General Secretary had written as follows :

"At the request of our member, Mr. Bohrer, I am forwarding you the enclosed dossier but informing you however that neither the Council of the Section nor I associate ourselves with him on the matter.

"The insulting terms which he uses and the impertinent condemnations which he pronounces cannot but cause in us our reprobation. I have had, according to rules, to receive his letters, but without sending any replies.

"We consider that neither the European Federation nor Adyar should intervene on this matter, and that such an intervention on their part will even constitute an abuse of authority, which would be a very unquieting precedent."

By Resolution duly adopted the General Council re-affirmed the decision taken at its meeting held on December 27, 1948 to the effect that it had no cause to interfere in the dispute.

10. *Lodges in Bolivia*.—The President reported to the General Council that six Lodges in Bolivia had applied in 1948 for the granting of a Charter for a National Society in Bolivia but that he had replied that in accordance with the Constitution this could only be granted if there were seven Lodges. Since that time no further application had been made but he had learned that a member was using notepaper bearing the inscription "Bolivian Section of the Theosophical Society" and designating himself as General Secretary. On 3rd May, 1950 the President wrote through a member in Argentina advising that if he did not receive a reply to his letter from the person who was so acting as General Secretary before this General Council meeting, he would put the matter before the General Council, and unless the Lodges rejoined the Argentina Section, or became attached to Adyar, he would declare them no longer part of the Society.

The Council approved his decision, though under the Constitution he could so act without consulting the Council.

11. *The Treasurer's Report*.—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September, 1950, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

12. *Budget for 1950-51*.—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September, 1951, passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting held on 30th December, 1950, were adopted as detailed hereunder :

13. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1951.*—The following members were appointed :

President	} Ex-Officio
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Recording Secretary	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	
Srimati Rukmini Devi	
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram	
Mr. N. Sri Ram	
Mr. M. Subramaniam	

14. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1950-51.*—It was resolved that Messrs. V. Soundararajan & Co., Registered Accountants, be reappointed Auditors for the year 1950-51 on a remuneration of Rs. 900/- per annum, the terms and conditions remaining the same as in previous years.

15. *Election of 2 (two) Additional Members to the General Council.*—The undermentioned members, having obtained the necessary votes favourable to their election as shown below, were declared duly elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1951, 1952 and 1953) :

		No. of Votes	
		In favour	against
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	40	Nil
Dr. Hugh Shearman	...	41	Nil

16. *Appointment of Legal Adviser.*—The President proposed that Mr. Nariman K. Choksy, K. C., be appointed as Legal Adviser. This was approved.

17. *Proposition by Mr. Sidney A. Cook, Vice-President, to seek expert legal opinion on interpretation of Clause III (d) of Memorandum of Association.*—Opinion was expressed that such action was unnecessary and that it could be left to the President to obtain opinion should he consider it necessary at any time. The Vice-President therefore withdrew his proposition.

18. *Next World Congress.*—This matter was further postponed.

19. *Subba Rao Medal.*—The President notified the Council that he proposed nominating Mr. N. Sri Ram for the Subba Rao Medal. This proposal was heartily approved.

The President thanked the members for their presence and consideration of various matters which had been dealt with.

Mr. J. E. van Dissel extended a welcome to all the members to attend the European Congress of the Society to be held in 1952 at which the President would preside.

The meeting was closed.

* Presidential Agency.

HELEN ZAHARA,
Recording Secretary.

